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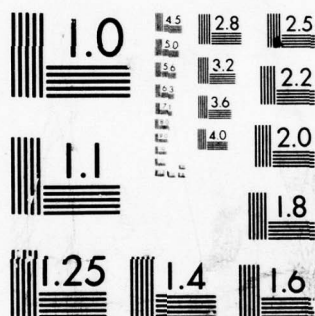
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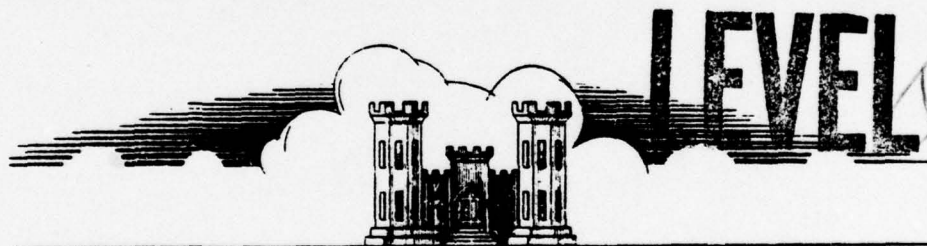
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## PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams," for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I Investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through frequent inspections can unsafe conditions be detected and only through continued care and maintenance can these conditions be prevented or corrected.

Phase I Inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established guidelines, the spillway design flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The spillway design flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

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H. B. Norton Dam (Pa. No Name No. 42), Elk County, Pennsylvania  
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Big Mill Creek  
Inspected 13 and 14 November 1978

ASSESSMENT OF  
GENERAL CONDITIONS

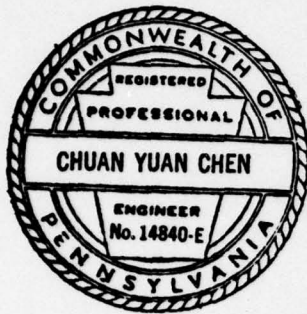
H. B. Norton Dam is an earthfill embankment dam with a sheet steel core wall. The dam is approximately 37 feet high and 900 feet long, and is owned and operated by the Borough of Ridgway.

The visual inspections and review of engineering data, made in November 1978 and January 1979, indicated some deficiencies requiring remedial treatment, but not emergency attention. The dam was found to be in good overall condition at the time of the inspection. However, it is recommended that the spalled and deteriorated concrete spillway wing walls, sills and transition buttresses be repaired. The bare and eroded areas of the embankment should also be properly graded and replanted. The grass should be well maintained. The seepage areas found during the inspection were not considered detrimental to the structural stability of the dam at this time, nor were there any structural inadequacies noted. However, the seepage areas should be further investigated to determine their cause and to develop recommendations for necessary remedial measures.

Hydraulic/hydrologic evaluations, performed in accordance with procedures established by the Baltimore District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Phase I Inspection Reports, revealed that the spillways will not pass the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) without overtopping the dam. The analysis indicated that the spillways will pass 33 percent of the PMF before overtopping will occur and that the dam will likely fail under less than 50 percent PMF conditions. Therefore, the spillways are rated as "seriously inadequate." The owner should immediately

initiate an engineering study to evaluate the spillway capacity and to develop recommendations for remedial measures to reduce the overtopping potential of the dam. Procedures should be provided for emergency action in the event of a flood or dam failure.

In summary, the dam is categorized as an "unsafe"- "non-emergency" condition.



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## H. B. NORTON DAM



Overall View from Right Abutment



Overall View from Left Abutment

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NDI No. PA 00385, PennDER No. 24-35

SECTION 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 GENERAL

- a. Authority - The Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a program of inspection of dams throughout the United States.
- b. Purpose of Inspection - The purpose of the inspection is to determine if the dam constitutes a hazard to human life or property.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

- a. Description of Dam and Appurtenances - The H. B. Norton Dam consists of an earthfill embankment approximately 37 feet high and 675 feet long. A 75-foot wide, concrete ogee spillway is located at the right abutment, and a 150-foot wide emergency spillway is located at the left abutment. Seepage control is provided by a steel core wall comprised of 72-inch by 96-inch by 1/4-inch steel sheets, which are riveted and welded in place. The downstream embankment rises at a slope of 2 horizontal to 1 vertical (2H:1V) to the crest at elevation 1422.4 feet. The upstream slopes rise at 2.5H:1V to elevation 1412 feet and then 2H:1V to the 12-foot wide crest (see Plate 4). The upstream face is lined with well-placed sandstone riprap, typically 1- to 2-foot square. The ogee type spillway has a crest elevation of 1415 feet, or 7 feet lower than the top of dam. Approximately 225 feet to the left of the ogee spillway is a concrete screen chamber built into the embankment. The intake consists of two pipes, a 16-inch cast-iron pipe with an invert elevation of 1400 feet and a 36-inch cast-iron pipe with an invert at elevation 1386.0 feet. The outlet from the screen chamber is a 36-inch cast-iron pipe which separates near the toe of the dam into two pipes. One is a 16-inch

cast-iron line that delivers water to the pump house, and the other is a 36-inch cast-iron pipe which exits to the downstream channel. The channel downstream from the principal ogee spillway is rock-lined for approximately 230 feet with a 5-foot wall on both sides. This channel exits into a natural stilling pool.

- b. Location - The H. B. Norton Dam is located on Big Mill Creek, Ridgway Township, Elk County, Pennsylvania. The structure is located approximately 1.1 miles north of the confluence of Big Mill Creek and the Clarion River.
- c. Size Classification - The maximum height of the dam is 37 feet as measured from the invert of the 36-inch blow-off pipe and the crest of the dam. The reservoir volume to the top of the dam, elevation 1421.9 feet, is 1253 acre-feet. Therefore, the dam is in the "Intermediate" size category.
- d. Hazard Classification - Loss of life would likely result from a failure of the dam. In addition, serious economic impact could result from the loss of water supply due to failure of the dam. Based on the above, the dam is classified in the "High" hazard category.
- e. Ownership - The H. B. Norton Dam is owned by the Ridgway Borough Water Works, Ridgway, Pennsylvania 15853. The dam, previously known as PA No Name No. 42, was dedicated in 1961 as the H. B. Norton Dam. The dedication is commemorated by a brass plaque mounted on the downstream side of the embankment just to the right of the emergency spillway.
- f. Purpose of Dam - The H. B. Norton Dam (Ridgway Reservoir) is the sole water supply source for the Borough of Ridgway and surrounding areas. The lake is also used for fishing and non-motorized water craft.
- g. Design and Construction History - The dam was designed by H. B. Norton of the Elk Tanning Company, and N. W. Rood. Construction of the present structure was begun on 6 October 1931 by the Williamson Construction Company, 223 Monroeville Road, Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania. The Donora Construction Company, Donora, Pennsylvania took over the work on 9 August 1932 and completed the contractural work on 2 November 1932.

- h. Normal Operational Procedures - According to Mr. Richard Herzog, superintendent of the water treatment plant, no procedures are instituted to control the level of the reservoir. He does, however, maintain a daily log of the depth of water flowing over the ogee spillway.

1.3 PERTINENT DATA

- a. Drainage Area - The drainage area of the H. B. Norton Dam is 30.1 square miles.

- b. Discharge at Dam Site -

Maximum Known Flood at Dam Site - On 17 March 1936 the flood crested at 5 feet 4-1/2 inches of head on the main spillway and 2 feet 4-1/2 inches on the emergency spillway. The maximum flow was estimated at 5400 c.f.s.

Ungated Spillway Capacity  
at Maximum Pool Elevation (c.f.s.) - 9100

- c. Elevation [feet above Mean Sea Level (M.S.L.)] -

Design Top of Dam -	1422.0
Minimum Top of Dam -	1421.9
Average Top of Dam -	1422.4
Emergency Spillway Crest -	1418.0
Normal Pool -	1415.0
Streambed at Centerline of Dam -	1385.0
Maximum Tailwater -	Unknown

- d. Reservoir (miles) -

Length of Maximum Pool -	1.6
Length of Normal Pool -	1.3

- e. Storage (acre-feet) -

At Top of Dam (El. 1421.9 ft.) -	1253
At Spillway Crest (El. 1415.0 ft.) -	617
At Emergency Spillway Crest (El. 1418.0 feet) -	866

- f. Reservoir Surface (acres) -

Top of Dam -	108
Spillway Crest -	76



g. Dam -

Type -	Earthfill
Length (feet) -	900
Height (feet) -	37
Top Width (feet) -	12
Side Slopes - Upstream -	
(In situ to 1412 ft.) -	2.5H:1V
(El. 1412 to 1422 ft.) -	2H:1V
Downstream -	2H:1V
Impervious Core -	72-inch by 96-inch by 1/4-inch steel sheets, riveted and welded in place.
Cutoff -	The steel core wall extends into underlying, stiff, blue clay beneath the embankment. The 4-foot by 4-foot concrete cutoff below the principal spillway extends into bedrock on the right side and into the stiff, blue clay on the left.

h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel - None

i. Spillway -

Type -	Concrete ogee
Length of Weir (feet) -	75
Crest Elevation (feet M.S.L.) -	1415
Gates -	None
Downstream Channel -	Neatly placed sandstone boulders, 75-foot wide and 230-foot long, exits to a natural stilling basin.

j. Emergency Spillway -

Type -	Earth
Width (feet) -	150
Crest Elevation (feet M.S.L.) -	1418
Gates -	None
Upstream Channel -	Earth
Downstream Channel -	Earth

k. Regulating Outlets - One 16-inch and one 36-inch cast-iron pipe provide inlets to the screen chamber with manually operated sluice gates. One 36-inch cast-iron pipe exits from the chamber and separates into two pipes. One 36-inch cast-iron pipe, with a gate valve located at the toe of the embankment, exits to the downstream channel. The other 16-inch cast-iron pipe delivers water to the pump house.

## SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

### 2.1 DESIGN

The design data reviewed included information concerning the original construction in 1931 and 1932 [available from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PennDER)]. The file included:

- 1) Pre-construction correspondence and subsequent requests for permits to draw down the impounded water.
- 2) The original permit application.
- 3) Various correspondence.
- 4) Some of the semi-monthly construction progress reports.
- 5) Various inspection reports, both during and after construction.
- 6) Information concerning high water periods and damage resulting from the water.
- 7) Post-construction inspection reports from 1933 through 1948. The last inspection by a representative of the Division of Dams and Encroachments, PennDER, was performed on 1 April 1965.

The original design drawings are reproduced and presented as Plates 3, 4 and 5.

### 2.2 CONSTRUCTION

According to the application filed by the Borough of Ridgway for the dam permit, a serious shortage of water occurred in 1930 indicating the existing reservoir was too small for its demand. The reservoir was built in 1907 and could not impound enough water for the growing domestic and industrial requirements of the community. The present structure was subsequently designed and constructed at approximately the same location as the original dam. The photographs contained in PennDER File No. 24-35 show the original structure partially destroyed during construction, and it is assumed the entire dam was eventually removed.

According to the correspondence contained in the PennDER file, the original contract was to be let in two sections: Contract No. 1 Building the earthfill embankment and appurtenances, and Contract No. 2 Construction of the steel core wall. However, any contractor could, if he desired, make a combined bid for both contracts. The Williamson Construction Company, Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania was awarded the combined contract on 15 September 1931. The construction started on 6 October 1931 and continued until 8 December 1931 when it was halted due to inclement weather (the inspectors did not want to have any frozen fill incorporated into the embankment). On 13 and 14 December 1931, high water damaged the core steel and concrete that had been placed across the existing channel. On 16 May 1932, the construction company returned to the site and began straightening the damaged core wall. Upon completion of this task on 10 June 1932, the contractor discontinued work. No information was available as to the reason for the work stoppage. The project was abandoned until August 1932 when the bonding company entered into a contract with the Donora Construction Company, Donora, Pennsylvania. This contractor began work on 9 August 1932 and completed construction of the dam on 2 November 1932.

Following damage from water over the principal spillway on 17 March 1936, a stone wall was constructed from the left abutment of the ogee spillway, down the channel, and looped back up around to connect to the head wall of the 36-inch blow-off pipe.

In 1948, the chemical feeder house was removed from the crest of the dam, and the area was regraded and seeded.

### 2.3 OPERATION

The Borough of Ridgway is responsible for maintenance and operation of the H. B. Norton Dam. There has been no attempt made to regulate the water level of the reservoir. The principal spillway is ungated and there are no flow gauges located downstream. The superintendent does, however, keep a daily log of the depth of water flowing over the spillway.

### 2.4 EVALUATION

- a. Availability - The drawings available from the PennDER files were not listed as "as built." However, from review of the semi-monthly construction reports the drawings appear to be accurate.



- b. Adequacy - The information available is generally adequate for a Phase I Inspection.
- c. Validity - There is no indication at the present time to doubt the validity of the available engineering data.

## SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

### 3.1 FINDINGS

- a. General - The dam and its appurtenant structures were found to be in good overall condition at the time of the inspection. Noteworthy deficiencies observed are described briefly in the following paragraphs. The complete visual inspection check list and field sketch are given in Appendix A.
- b. Dam - The riprap on the upstream face, from the water level to 4 feet above the water level, has settled due to erosion of the material between and under the sandstone boulders. The crest has eroded from 6 to 12 inches on the upstream face, and erosion has exposed the transition buttresses at both ends of the embankment. On the downstream face just right of the principal spillway, a 2-inch deep gully has developed from approximately mid-height of the dam to the toe. The downstream slope has numerous bush-like plants growing from the crest to the toe. Also, several rodent holes were found on the downstream face (see field sketch for location). No outlets were found for the tile drains.
- c. Appurtenant Structures - The emergency spillway concrete has deteriorated and spalled along the sill, and a large crack was observed in the right abutment retaining wall. Cracks were also found in the principal spillway abutments. There was also a crack at the joint of the right abutment and the transition buttress of the emergency spillway. The concrete on the outer surfaces of the screen chamber access located on the crest of the dam showed signs of cracking and spalling. The intakes for the 36-inch and 16-inch cast-iron pipes were inaccessible. However, the outlet structure for the 36-inch pipe encased in concrete appears to be in fair condition and showed no signs of excessive deterioration. The 16-inch outlet to the pump house was also inaccessible and therefore no evaluation could be made of its condition.
- d. Reservoir Area - The reservoir slopes were moderate to slightly sloping and are well vegetated. There was no excessive sedimentation noted.



- e. Downstream Channel - The downstream channel is relatively free of debris, vegetation or other obstructions. The channel wall on the right side of the principal spillway has a dense growth of trees at the top of the wall. The slope of the downstream channel is mild, averaging approximately 0.2 percent from the tailwater of the dam to the confluence of Big Mill Creek and the Clarion River. Some differential settlement of the stone-lined channel below the principal spillway was observed. Two seepage areas were noted along the sandstone-block wall on the downstream side of the dam (see field sketch for location). The flow from these areas was constant and was estimated at 50 g.p.m. There was no visible evidence that any fines were being carried by this water. The emergency spillway discharge channel consists of an earth channel covered with low grasses, having an average slope of approximately 5 percent. Some wet seep areas were noted below the emergency spillway.

A water treatment plant and the superintendent's residence are located at the downstream toe of the dam, situated between the principal and emergency spillways. When the reservoir level rises above the emergency spillway crest, these structures are surrounded by water and access is cut off. Loss of life would likely result from a failure of the dam because of the proximity of these structures to the dam. Additionally, the reservoir and water treatment plant are the only water supply source for Ridgway Borough and surrounding area. No other habitation is present along Big Mill Creek before its the confluence with the Clarion River.

## SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

### 4.1 PROCEDURES

Operation procedures are generally discussed in paragraphs 1.2.h. and 2.3.

There is no formal written procedure for emergency downstream evacuation in the event of impending catastrophe. However, the superintendent of the water works lives at the dam site and he notifies the city engineer whenever high water is imminent.

It is recommended that a formal emergency procedure be prepared and prominently displayed, and furnished to all operating personnel. This should include:

- 1) Procedures for evaluating inflow during periods of emergency operation.
- 2) Who to notify, including public officials, in case evacuation from the downstream area is necessary.

In addition, the owner should assist public officials in developing an emergency evacuation plan for areas which will be inundated by a flood or affected in the event of a dam failure.

### 4.2 MAINTENANCE OF DAM

The Borough of Ridgway is responsible for maintenance of the dam. The superintendent of water works resides at the dam site, and examines the dam and surrounding area for general maintenance. Maintenance of the dam is generally adequate, except for the tree growth along the left wall of the principal spillway.

### 4.3 MAINTENANCE OF OPERATING FACILITIES

The operating facilities associated with water supply are maintained on a daily basis by the superintendent of water works. He also periodically operates the gate valve on the 36-inch blow-off pipe and the controls for the screen chamber.

4.4 DESCRIPTION OF ANY WARNING SYSTEM IN EFFECT

There is no warning system or formal emergency procedure in the event of a dam failure. An emergency warning procedure should be developed as recommended in paragraph 4.1.

4.5 EVALUATION OF OPERATIONAL ADEQUACY

The maintenance procedures for the H. B. Norton Dam are generally adequate, except for the above mentioned deficiencies. Periodic inspections of the underwater structure should be performed, and a formal emergency procedure should be developed as recommended in paragraph 4.1.



## SECTION 5 - HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC DATA

### 5.1 EVALUATION OF FEATURES

- a. Design Data - No hydrologic or hydraulic design data were available for the preparation of this report. All calculations used in the analysis were generated during the course of this study.
- b. Experience Data - The greatest flood of record at the reservoir site occurred during the the period of 16 and 17 March 1942. It is estimated that 0.8 inch of rain fell during the 2 day period. Prior to the storm, however, there was approximately 4 feet of snow on the watershed. The reservoir level peaked at elevation 1420.4 feet, which corresponds to a total spillway discharge of about 5400 c.f.s. The flow from the 36-inch discharge pipe, which was fully opened during the storm, is not included in these calculations.

Another large storm occurred on 17 and 18 July 1942. During the storm, the reservoir rose to an elevation of 1417.6 feet or approximately 31 inches above the principal spillway crest.

No other detailed rainfall/reservoir stage records were available for the preparation of this report.

- c. Visual Observations - On the date of the inspection, no conditions were observed that would indicate that the spillway of the dam could not operate satisfactorily in the event of a flood.
- d. Overtopping Potential - The H. B. Norton Dam is classified as a "High" hazard-"Intermediate" size dam requiring evaluation for a spillway design flood (SDF) equal to the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). The 75-foot wide, concrete type, ogee spillway exits into a stone-lined, rectangular-shaped channel. The emergency spillway consists of a 150-foot wide, vegetated channel with a 2-foot wide concrete weir at the control section. The two spillways are capable of discharging 9100 c.f.s. with the reservoir level at the top of dam elevation 1422 feet.

The hydrologic and hydraulic capabilities of the reservoir and spillways were evaluated by routing the PMF and ratios of the PMF through the reservoir

with the aid of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Flood Hydrograph Package, HEC-1. The PMF and 1/2 PMF were both found to overtop the dam by average depths of 3.2 and 1.2 feet, respectively. The results of this analysis indicate that the reservoir and spillway are capable of passing a flood approximately equal to 33 percent of PMF without overtopping the dam.

- e. Spillway Adequacy - The dam, as outlined in the above analysis would be overtopped by the 1/2 PMF. The criteria, for spillway adequacy determination, requires an estimate of the likelihood of dam failure and an estimate of the downstream damage increase during overtopping by 1/2 PMF conditions. Therefore, the following conditions were used as the limiting criteria which are likely to cause failure of this dam:

- 1) Depth of overtopping in excess of 1.0 feet.
- 2) Duration of overtopping in excess of 4 hours.\*
- 3) Approximate maximum velocity of overtopping in excess of 4 f.p.s.\*

The overtopping analysis of this dam yielded the following values:

- 1) 1.2 feet.
- 2) 6.8 hours.
- 3) 5.1 f.p.s.

Therefore, dam failure during the above 1/2 PMF conditions is likely to occur.

In order to assess the likelihood of downstream damage, the dam breach option of HEC-1 was utilized to assess the impact of flooding on the treatment plant and operator's residence. The results of the dam breach analysis indicate a maximum outflow

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\*These parameters will vary according to cover and material conditions of the dam crest.

from the reservoir in excess of 29,000 c.f.s., assuming the dam would be breached during 1/2 PMF compared to only 14,000 c.f.s. assuming the dam remained intact. Therefore because of the proximity of the attendant's residence to the dam, the possibility of loss of life exists in the event of a flood equal in magnitude to 1/2 PMF.

Based on the above results, the spillway is classified as "seriously inadequate" according to the recommended criteria.

It should be noted that conclusions pertain to present day conditions, and that the effect of future development on the hydrology has not been considered.



## SECTION 6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY

### 6.1 EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

- a. Visual Observations - No structural inadequacies were noted during the visual inspection of the dam. The seepage areas indicated in paragraph 3.1.e. are not considered detrimental to the stability of the dam according to the conditions present at the time of inspection. The seepage from the sandstone wall may be from the area behind the sandstone wall or possibly from the tile drains under the dam that were not outletted properly. The wet areas below the emergency spillway may be a result of natural springs or seeps in the area.
- b. Design and Construction Data - Calculations of embankment slope and foundation stability were not available for review. General experience with slopes of heights, inclinations, materials (with inclusion of the steel core wall), and hydraulic conditions similar to those of the dam slopes indicates that these slopes could be shown to satisfy the stability requirements of the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams." This inference is supported by empirical guidelines on stable slope inclinations given by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (1973) Design of Small Dams, 2nd Edition, pp. 261-267. In view of the height and inclinations of the dam slopes, their history of satisfactory performance, and the fact that no indications of instability were observed during the field inspection of 13 and 14 November 1978; no further stability assessments are necessary for this Phase I Inspection Report.
- c. Operating Records - No operation records were available for the H. B. Norton Dam except the daily log of water depth over the principal spillway. Operational procedures obtained from interviewing the superintendent of water works do not indicate cause for concern related to the structural stability of the dam.
- d. Post-Construction Changes - The various post-construction changes made to the dam do not appear to adversely affect the structural stability of the structure.

- e. Seismic Stability - The dam is located in Zone 1 on the "Seismic Zone Map of the Contiguous United States," Figure 1, page D-30, "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams." This is a zone of very low seismic activity. As indicated in paragraph 6.1.b., the H. B. Norton Dam could be shown to meet the static stability requirements of the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams." Thus, there is no need for further consideration of seismic stability.



## SECTION 7 - ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS/REMEDIAL MEASURES

### 7.1 DAM ASSESSMENT

- a. Safety - There are no findings as a result of this Phase I Inspection from which a detrimental assessment of the structural stability can be rendered, provided the dam is not overtopped by floodwaters. The H. B. Norton Dam is evaluated as being a "High" hazard-"Intermediate" size dam in accordance with the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams" and should have a spillway capacity equal to the PMF. As presented in Section 5, the spillways and reservoir were determined in this investigation to have a capacity much smaller than the PMF. In fact, the capacity was only 33 percent of the PMF and failure is likely to result under less than 50 percent PMF condition. Based on this investigation, the spillway capacity is assessed as "seriously inadequate."
- b. Adequacy of Information - The information available and the observations made during the field inspection are considered sufficient for this Phase I Inspection Report.
- c. Urgency - The owner should immediately initiate further investigation, as discussed in paragraph 7.1.d.
- d. Necessity for Additional Data/Evaluation - The hydraulic/hydrologic analysis performed in connection with this Phase I Inspection Report has indicated the need for additional spillway capacity. It is recommended that the owner of the H. B. Norton Dam immediately initiate an engineering study to further evaluate the spillway capacity and develop recommendations for remedial action as necessary.

### 7.2 RECOMMENDATIONS/REMEDIAL MEASURES

The inspection and review of information revealed certain items of work which should be performed immediately by the owner. These include:

- 1) The owner should initiate an engineering study to further evaluate the spillway capacity and develop recommendations for remedial action as necessary.

- 2) The drain outlets for the tile drain, located in the area behind the steel sheet core wall, should be located and extended to an outlet channel. The quantity and turbidity of all seepage should be monitored and recorded. If conditions indicate the necessity, remedial measures should be taken.
- 3) The controls for the screen chamber should be maintained to ensure their proper operation.
- 4) Development of emergency operations procedures for the reservoir including:
  - a) Method of draining the reservoir under emergency conditions.
  - b) Constant monitoring of the dam when large overflows are observed at the principal spillway.
  - c) Who to notify, including public officials, in case evacuation from the downstream area is necessary.
  - d) The installation of a reliable flood warning system in all areas downstream of the dam which would be affected in the event of the failure of the dam.

In addition, the owner should assist public officials in developing an emergency evacuation plan for areas which will be affected in the event of a flood or dam failure.

The inspection and review of information revealed other items of work which should be accomplished in the near future by the owner. These include:

- 1) The eroded areas should be graded, treated and seeded with an appropriate seeding mixture to prevent erosion.
- 2) The riprap should be restored to its original position with a granular cushion/filter under the riprap.
- 3) Weep holes should be placed at the base of the sandstone wall to drain the possibly impounded area.

- 4) The trees along the top of the wall of the downstream principal spillway (right side) should be removed or trimmed to facilitate future inspection of the wall.
- 5) The bush-like vegetation that is on the downstream slope should be removed, and the slope should be treated and seeded with an appropriate mixture to prevent erosion.
- 6) The concrete wing walls, transition buttresses, and spillways should be repaired where cracking and spalling has occurred.

The owner should continue in the future to inspect the embankment and concrete appurtenances, and repair as necessary.



**PLATES**

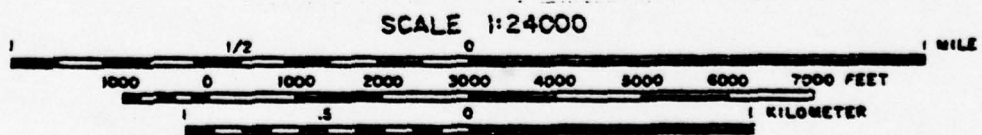
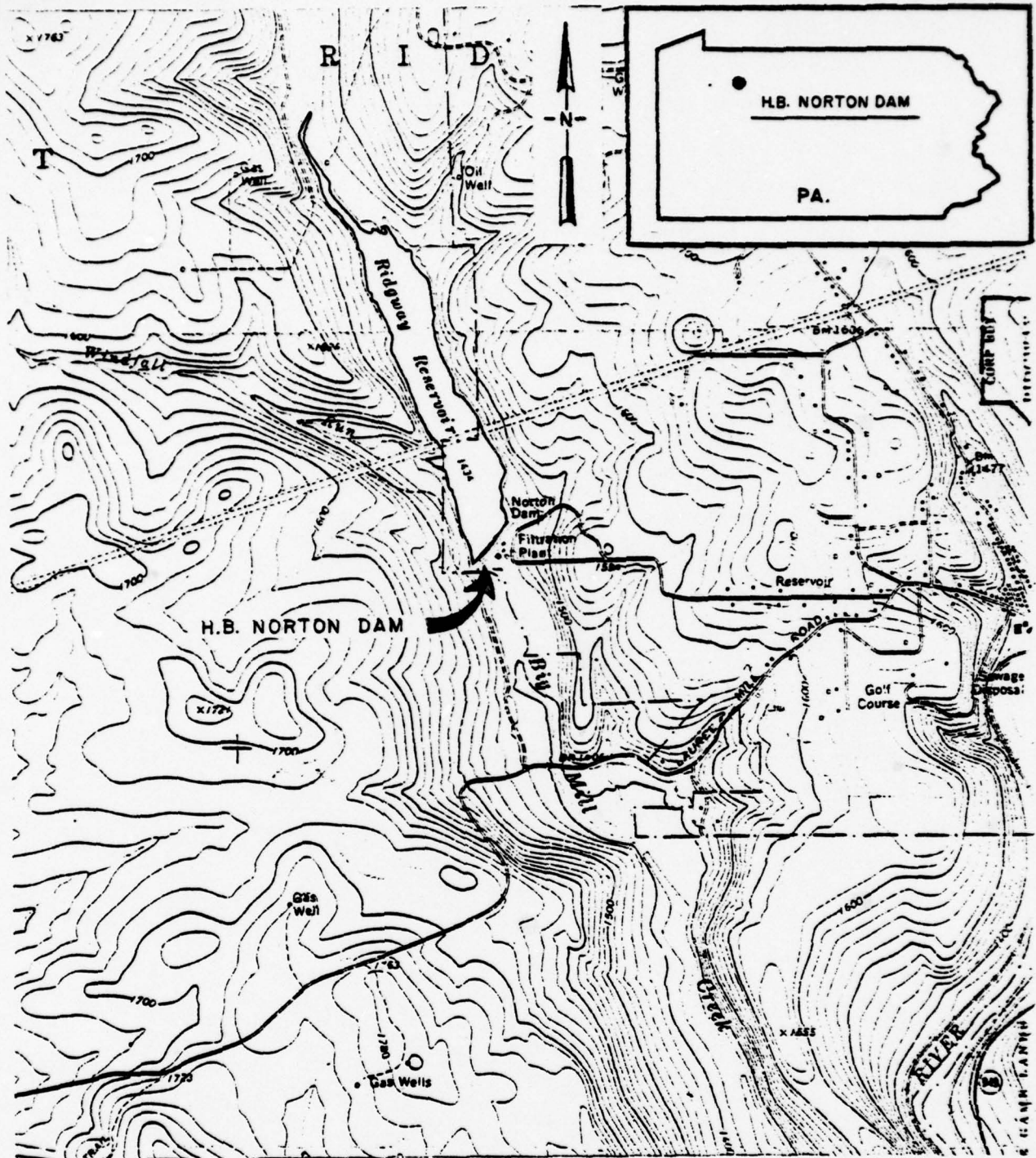
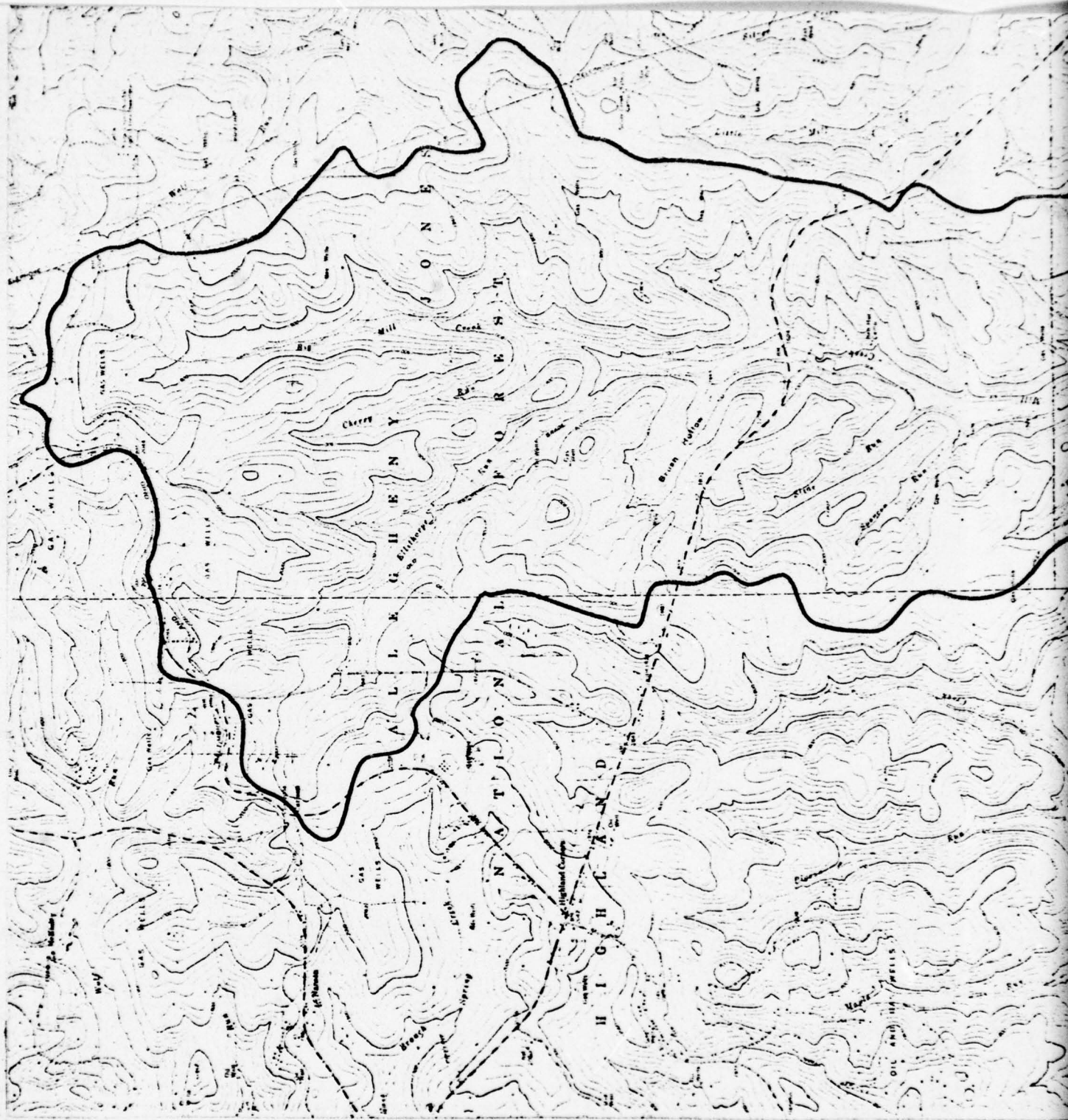


PLATE I LOCATION PLAN  
H.B. NORTON DAM





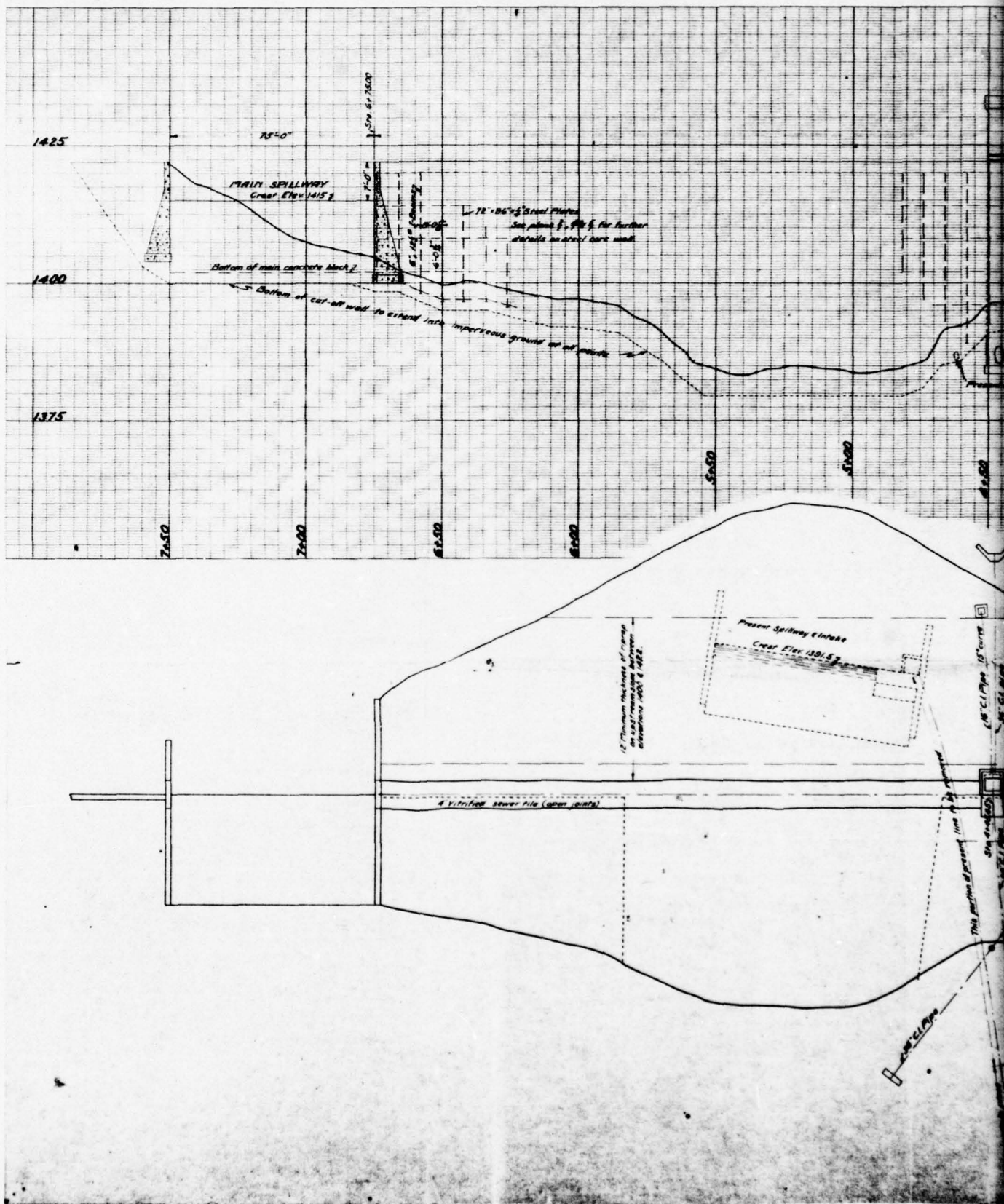


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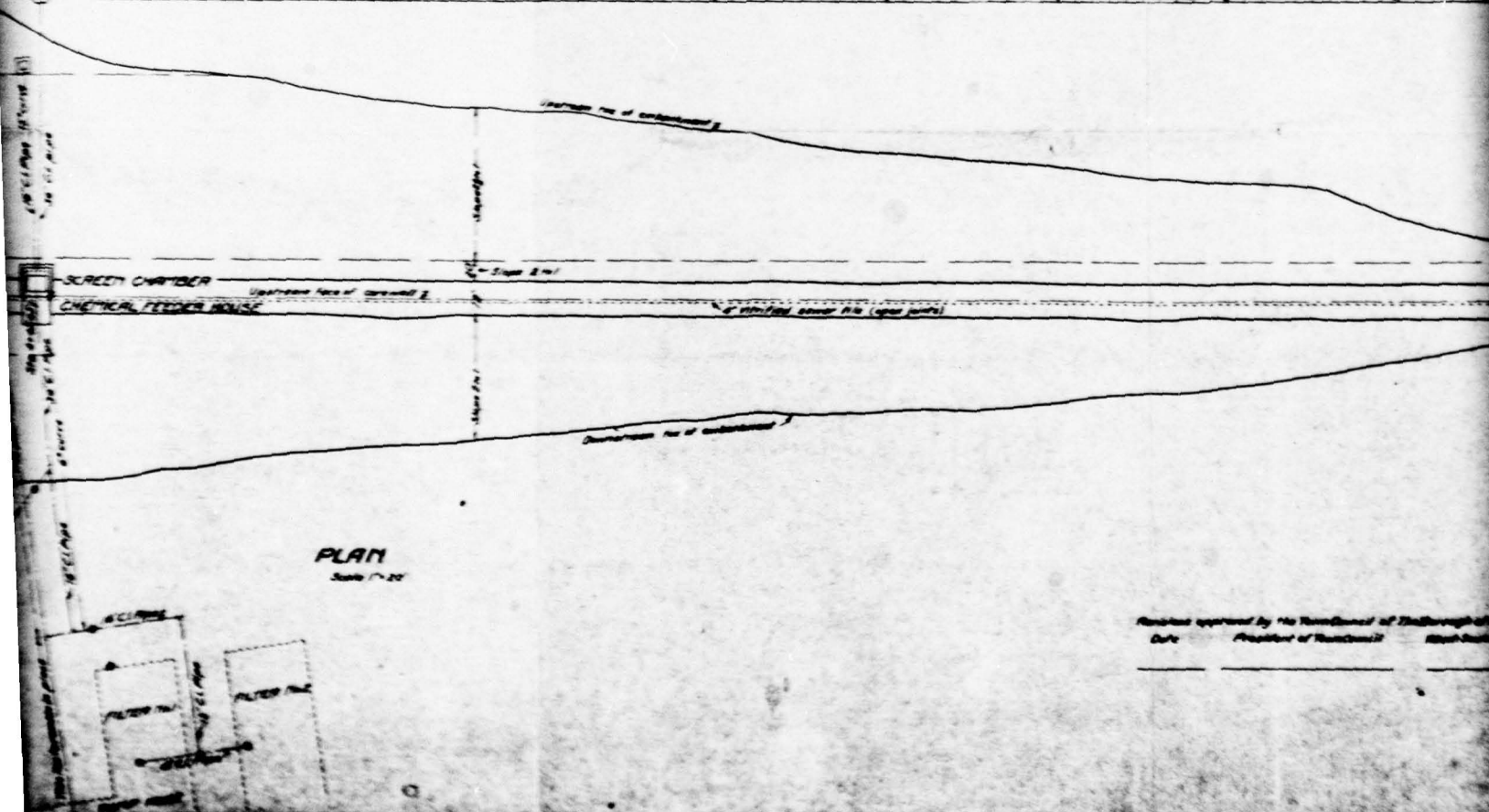
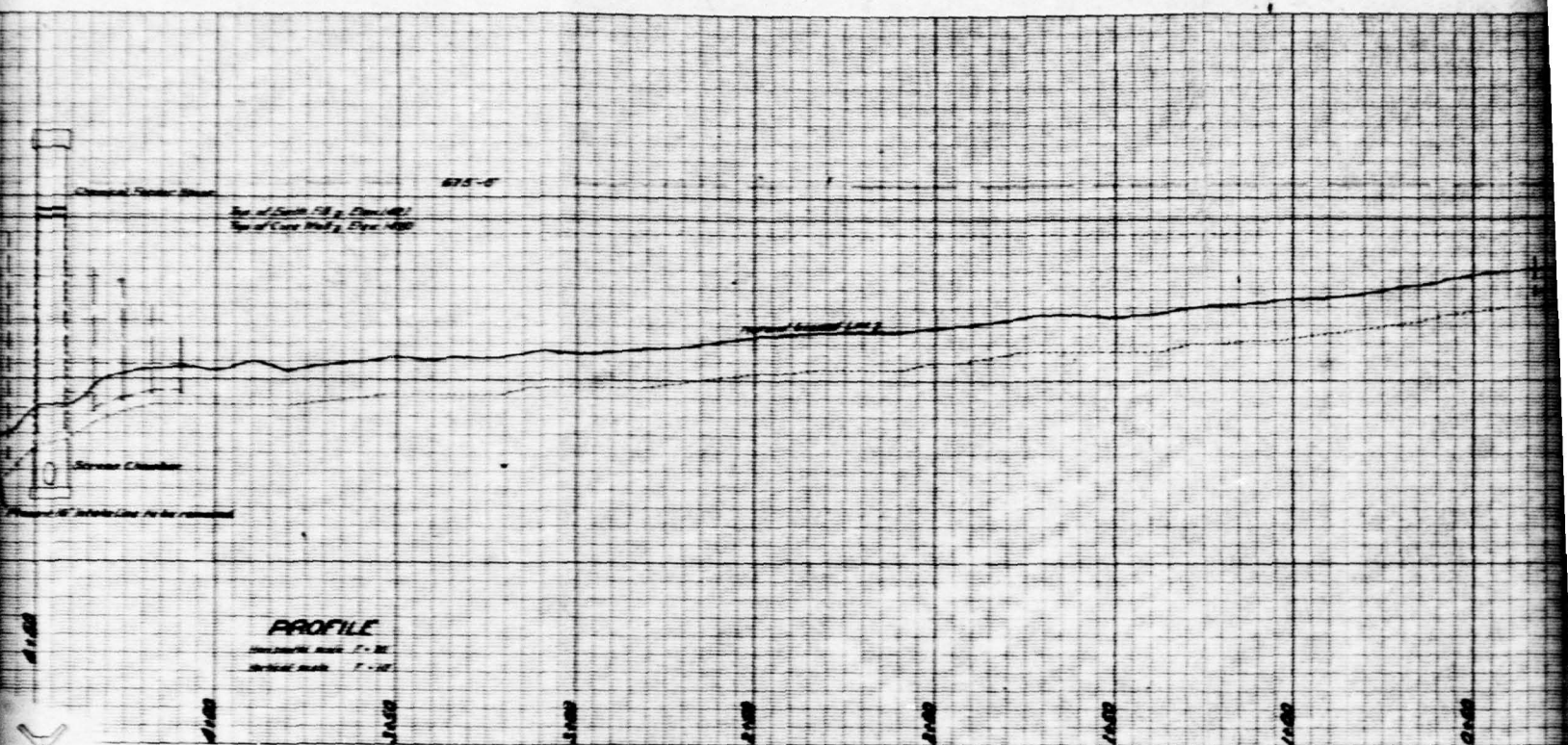
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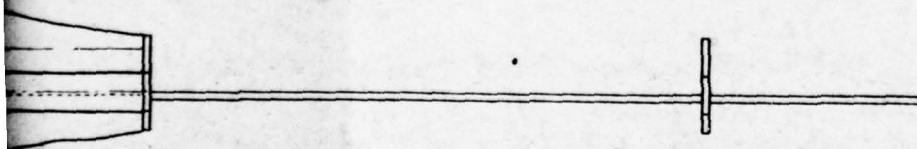
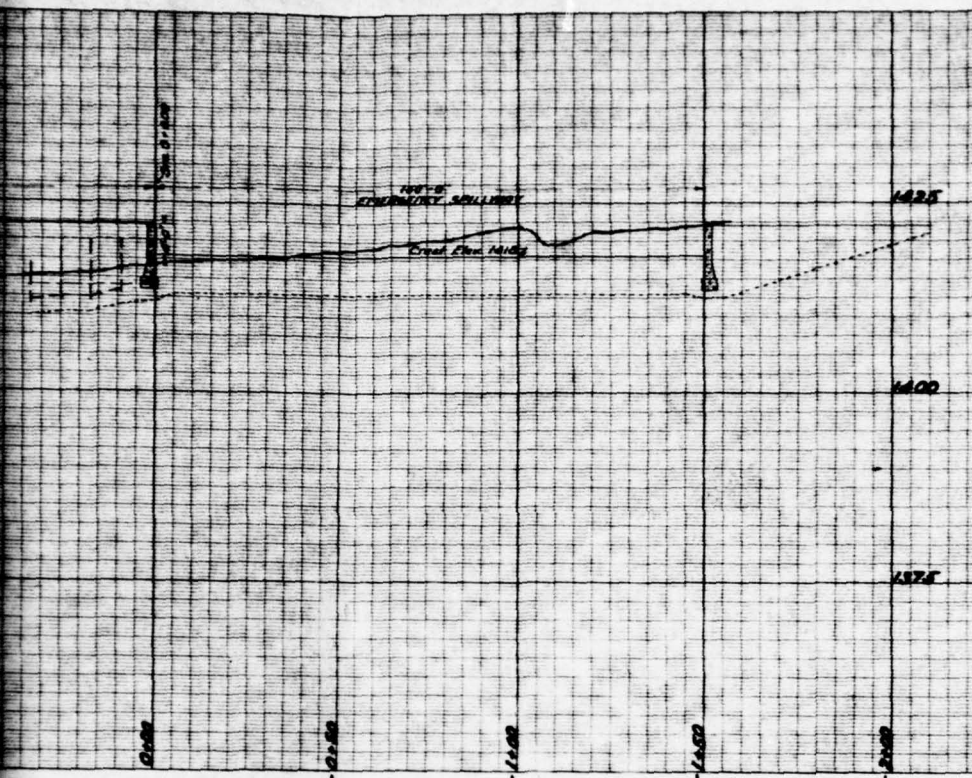
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Reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Connecticut State Waterways Commission  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ President of Board \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_



# PLATE 3

## RIDGWAY BOROUGH WATER WORKS

RIDGWAY, PA.

1931 EXTENSION

DAM

SECTION AND PLAN

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the Borough of Ridgway on July 14, 1931.

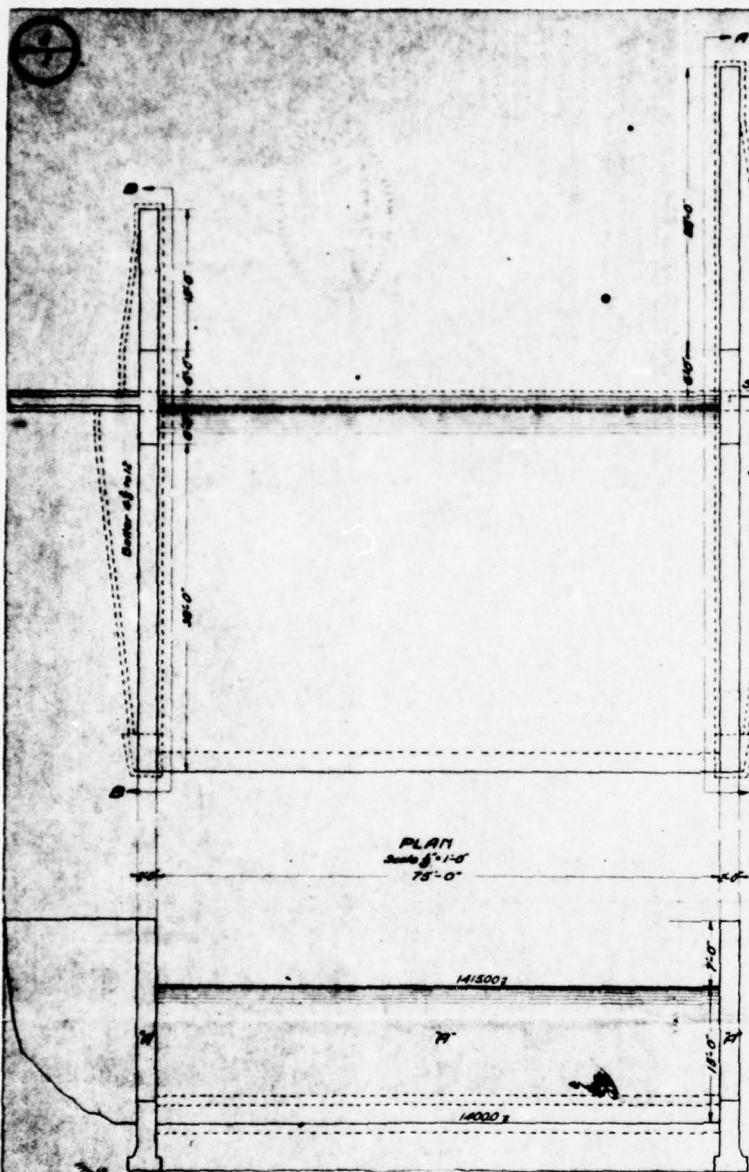
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President of the Board

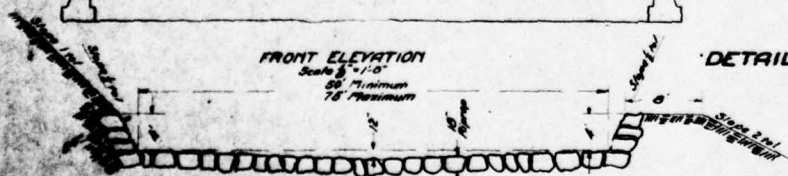
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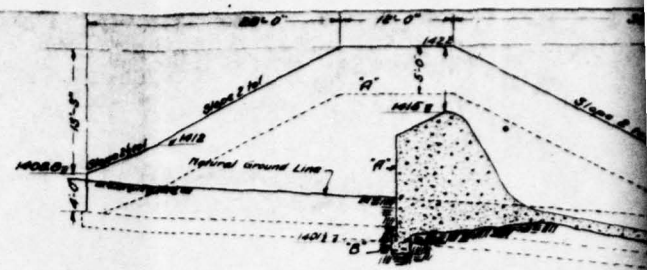
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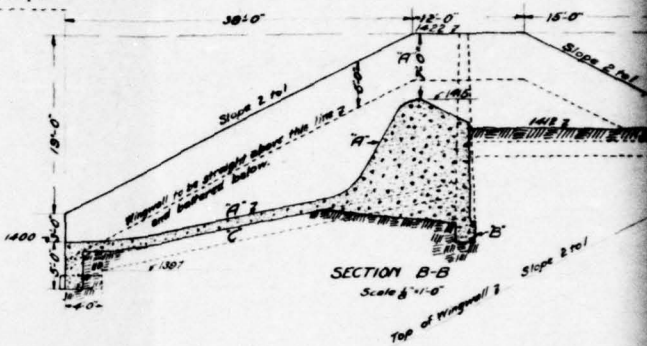
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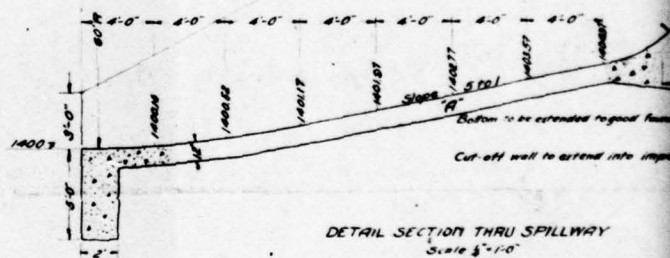
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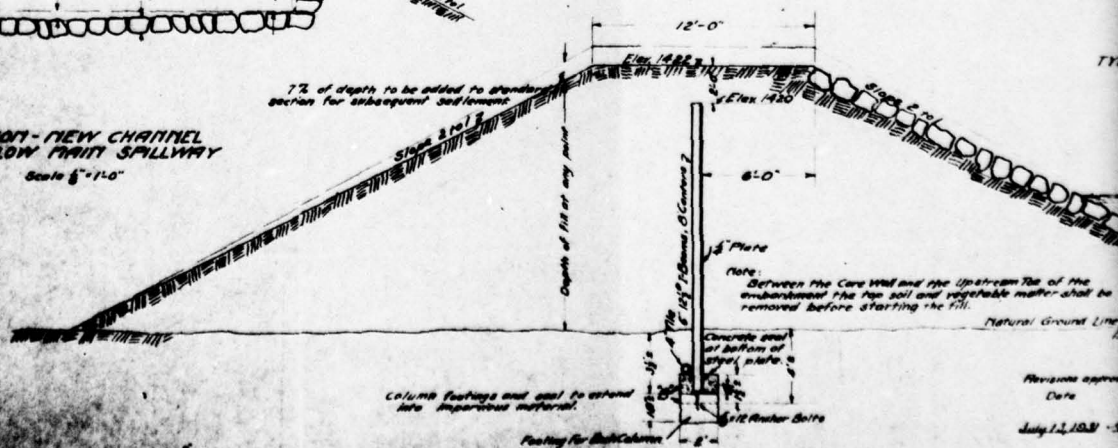
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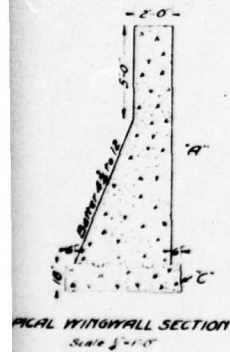
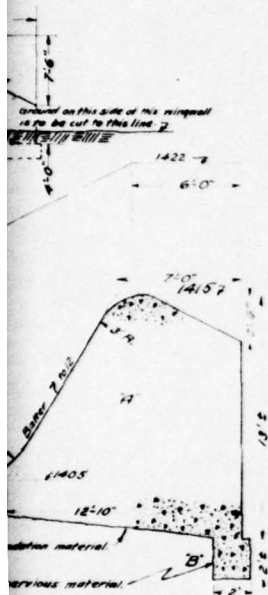
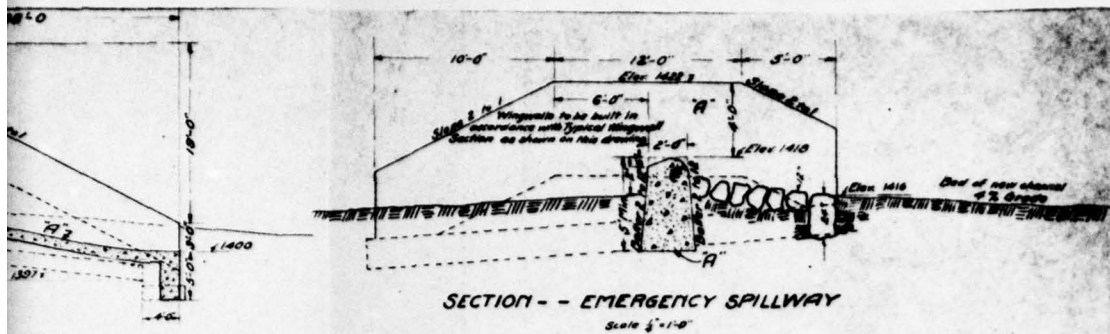
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TYPICAL SECTION OF CORE WALL AND EARTH FILL  
Scale 1/4" = 1'-0"

Revisions approved  
Date  
July 1, 1931





NOTE:  
A - Class A Concrete  
B - Class B Concrete  
C - Class C Concrete

## PLATE 4

### RIDGWAY BOROUGH WATER WORKS

RIDGWAY, PA.

1931 EXTENSION

### SPILLWAY DETAILS EARTH FILL SECTION

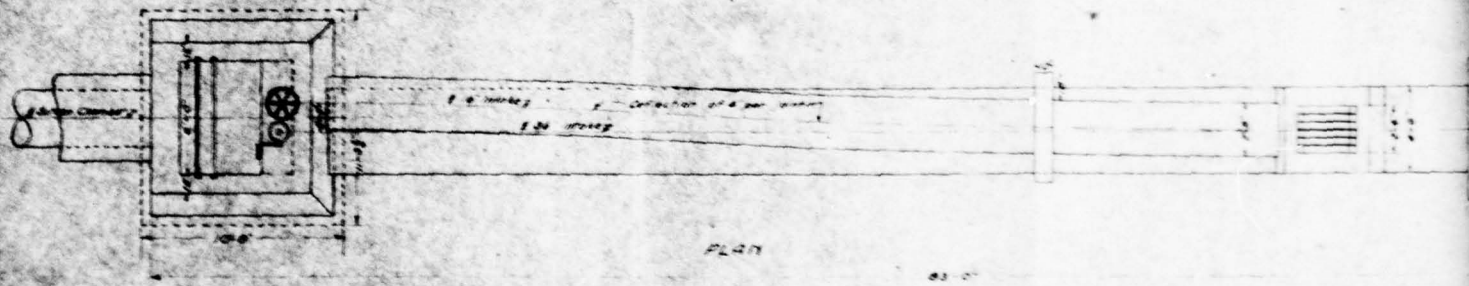
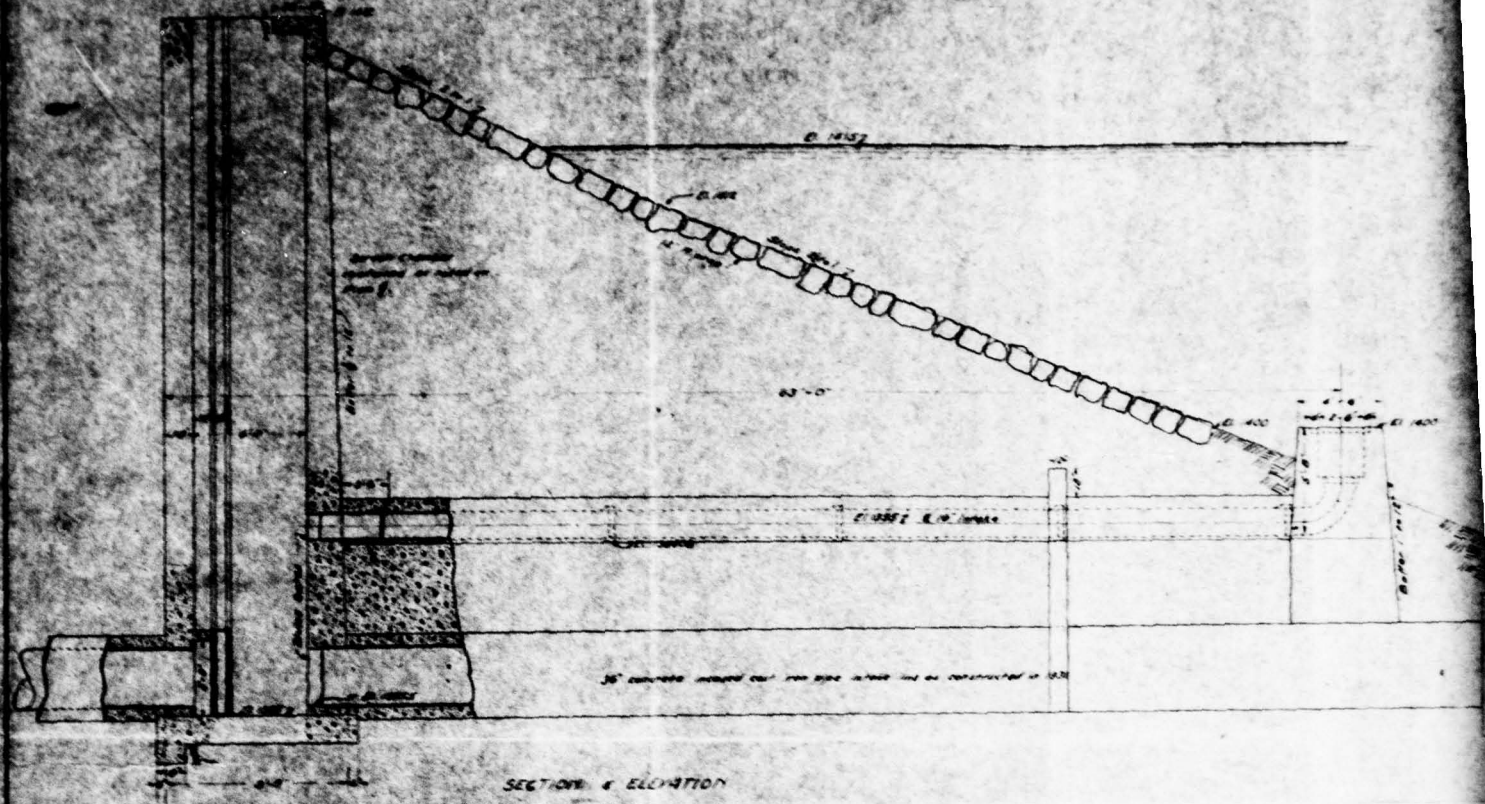
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President of Town Council

Secretary of Town Council



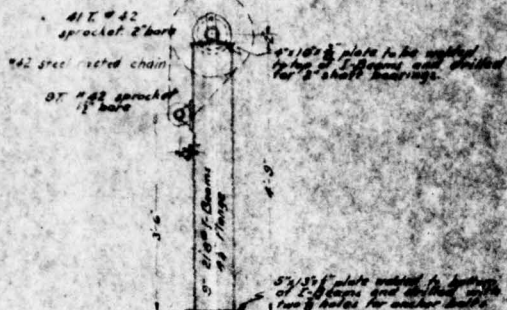
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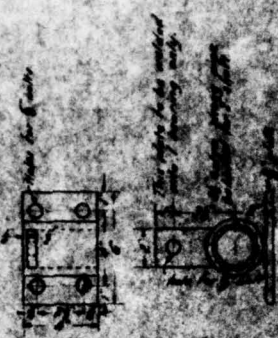
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NOTE  
Locations and details of 18" intake line to be constructed here shown on drawing.  
Details of 36" intake pipe and headwall and screen arrangement represent those  
units to be constructed in 1931.





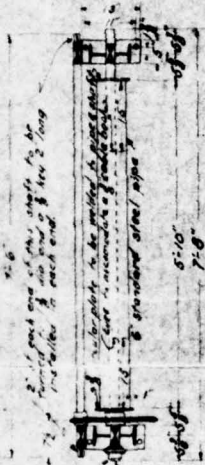
ELEVATION



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SECTION FOR 1\"/>



PLAN

**DOO & ASSEMBLY**  
1 page  
Scale 5'-11'-0"

- Materials Required**
- 1-6 Pipe and 2" shaft welded assembly (Borough)
  - 1-1 1/2" shaft (3 keyways)
  - 2-5 I-Beam standards with bottom and top plate and necessary drilling (Borough to furnish I-Beam)
  - 2-2" shaft bearings, one to have ratchet dog support attached
  - 2-1 1/2" shaft bearings
  - Bearings to include grease cups and necessary bolts
  - 1-50 sprocket chain drive consisting of 1-50, 1-50 and 1-50 sprockets
  - 1-50 sprocket 2" bore
  - 1-Ratchet dog assembly
  - 1-Crank (to be furnished by Borough)
  - 4-5 cables 41-0' long, each to be equipped with a hook and thimble on one end and a thimble on the opposite end and a shackle per cable
  - 2-2" Set collars
  - 1-1 1/2" Set collar

SCREEN HOIST

# PLATE 5

RIDGWAY BOROUGH WATER WORKS

RIDGWAY, PA.

1931 EXTENSION

REVISIONS & ADDITIONS

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APPENDIX A

CHECK LIST - VISUAL INSPECTION  
AND FIELD SKETCH

Check List  
Visual Inspection  
Phase 1

Name of Dam H.B. Norton Dam County Elk State PA Coordinates Lat. N 41°25.4'  
PA No Name #42 Long. W 78°46.8'  
 NDI # PA 00385  
 Pennder # 24-35  
 Dates Inspection 13 and 14 November 1978 Weather Overcast, Rainy Temperature 55°F.

Pool Elevation at Time of Inspection 1415.3 ft. M.S.L.\* Tailwater at Time of Inspection 1385 ft. M.S.L.\*

\*Plan datum - taken from design plans dated July 1931. The plan datum is approximately 19 ft. lower than the N.G.S. datum.

Inspection Personnel:

Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.:

James G. Ullinski  
 Rodney E. Holderbaum  
 David F. Johns

Owner's Representatives:

Richard Herzog, Superintendent

David F. Johns Recorder

CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS (N/A)

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
 NDI # PA 00385

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
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LEAKAGE

STRUCTURE TO  
 ABUTMENT/EMBANKMENT  
 JUNCTIONS

DRAINS

WATER PASSAGES

FOUNDATION



CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS (N/A)

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
 NDI # PA 00385

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
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SURFACE CRACKS  
 CONCRETE SURFACES

STRUCTURAL CRACKING

VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL  
 ALIGNMENT

MONOLITH JOINTS

CONSTRUCTION JOINTS

## EMBANKMENT

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
 NDI # PA 00385

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS	None were observed.	
UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE	None were observed.	
SLOUGHING OR EROSION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT SLOPES	<p>The transition buttress cutoff walls on both sides of the principal and emergency spillways were exposed due to erosion of the material on the crest of the dam.</p> <p>The downstream slope is undulated across its length. On the downstream slope left of the principal spillway, a small 2-in. gully has eroded below an ant hill. Several animal holes were noted along the downstream slope.</p>	<p>The eroded areas should be graded, treated and seeded with an appropriate seeding mixture to prevent erosion.</p> <p>The large bush-like vegetation that is on the downstream slope should be removed, and the slope should be treated and seeded with an appropriate mixture to prevent erosion.</p>
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CREST	The crest on the upstream side is eroded from 6 to 12 in.	The crest area should be graded, treated and seeded with an appropriate seeding mixture to prevent erosion.
RIPRAP FAILURES	Several locations of the riprap on the upstream face at the water level to 4 ft. above it have settled due to erosion of the material between and under the boulders.	The riprap should be restored to its original position with a granular cushion/filter under the riprap.

## EMBANKMENT

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
 NDI # PA 00385

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
JUNCTION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLWAY AND DAM - RIGHT SPILLWAY ABUTMENT	A dense stand of trees has grown along the top of the principal spillway wall on the right side of the downstream channel.	It is desirable to trim or remove the trees to facilitate the future inspection of the spillway wall.
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	A seepage area was noted along the sandstone block wall on the downstream side of the dam (see field sketch plan for location). The flow from these areas was constant and estimated at 50 g.p.m. There was no visible evidence that fines were being carried by this water.  Seep areas were observed on the downstream side of the emergency spillway. The access road crosses this area approximately 300 ft. below the spillway crest, and a 12-in. culvert has to drain the area. A small flow of about 0.5 g.p.m. was observed flowing through the culvert.	It is recommended that weep holes be placed at the base of the sandstone wall to drain the impounded area.  The exact cause of the seepage could not be determined, however, three possibilities exist for the situation: 1) The average elevation of the area is almost the same as that of the normal pool and no cutoff was installed below the emergency spillway. 2) The photos taken during the original construction show the area as wet which may indicate the existence of natural springs or seeps in the area, or 3) There is a small stream on the hillside just above the area. The stream enters the lake just south of the left abutment of the emergency spillway.



## EMBANKMENT

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
NDI # PA 00385

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
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STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER

N/A

DRAINS

According to the plans (see Plate 3), a 4-in. tile drain was to be located behind the steel sheet core wall. However, no outlets were found for these drains.

The drain outlets should be located and extended to an outlet channel.

## OUTLET WORKS

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
 NDI # PA 00385

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CRACKING AND SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT	The 36-in. cast-iron pipe encased in concrete appears to be in fair condition at the outlet. The 16-in. water supply pipe is inaccessible.	
INTAKE STRUCTURE	The intake for both the 36-in. and 16-in. pipe is inaccessible. Access to the screen chamber is obtained at the crest of the dam. The concrete on the outer surfaces of the chamber shows signs of cracking and spalling.	The deterioration of the concrete is not excessive considering the age of the structure. To prevent against further deterioration, however, the concrete should be repaired.
OUTLET STRUCTURE	The concrete head wall at the 36-in. blow-off exit shows no sign of excessive deterioration.	
OUTLET CHANNEL	The earth outlet channel exits into the principal spillway stilling basin about 200 ft. downstream of the outlet pipe. The mildly sloping channel is free of debris and other obstructions.	
EMERGENCY GATE	The emergency gate is a hand-operated sluice gate located at the screen chamber on the crest of the dam.	The emergency gate should be operated periodically as part of an annual inspection of the dam.

## UNGATED SPILLWAY

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
 NDI # PA 00385

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE WEIR	Principal spillway consists of a 75-ft. wide concrete ogee-section. The spillway abutments are cracked in several locations. There is also a crack at the joint of the right abutment and training wall. The 2-ft. wide, 150-ft. long concrete sill at the emergency spillway shows signs of cracking and spalling at several locations. There is a 10-ft. wide strip of cut stone riprap on the downstream side of the sill which is in fairly good condition.	The concrete on both spillways should be repaired.
APPROACH CHANNEL	The approach channel to the principal spillway is free of debris, erosion and obstructions. The approach to the emergency spillway consists of earth and low grasses. No obstruction or serious erosion was noted.	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	The principal spillway channel is stone-lined, approximately 230 ft. long, and 75 ft. wide. Some differential settlement of the stone was observed. This channel exits into a natural stilling pool. Both the stilling pool and channel are relatively free of debris and other obstructions. The emergency spillway discharge channel consists of an earth channel covered with low grasses, having an average slope of about 5%. This channel joins Big Mill Creek several hundred feet downstream. No debris or obstructions were located in the channel.	The differential settlement of the stone does not appear to be a serious problem.
BRIDGE AND PIERS	N/A	



GATED SPILLWAY (N/A)

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON

NDI # PA 00385

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE SILL		
APPROACH CHANNEL		
DISCHARGE CHANNEL		
BRIDGE AND PIERS		
GATES AND OPERATION EQUIPMENT		

INSTRUMENTATION

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON

NDI # PA 00385

VISUAL EXAMINATION	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS	None	
OBSERVATION WELLS	None	
WEIRS	None	
PIEZOMETERS	None	
OTHER	Not Applicable	

RESERVOIR

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
 NDI # PA 00385

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
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SLOPES

The reservoir slopes were moderate to slightly sloping and are well vegetated.

SEDIMENTATION

No excessive sedimentation was noted.



## DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
NDI # PA 00385

<u>VISUAL EXAMINATION OF</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>	<u>REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
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CONDITION  
(OBSTRUCTIONS,  
DEBRIS, ETC.)

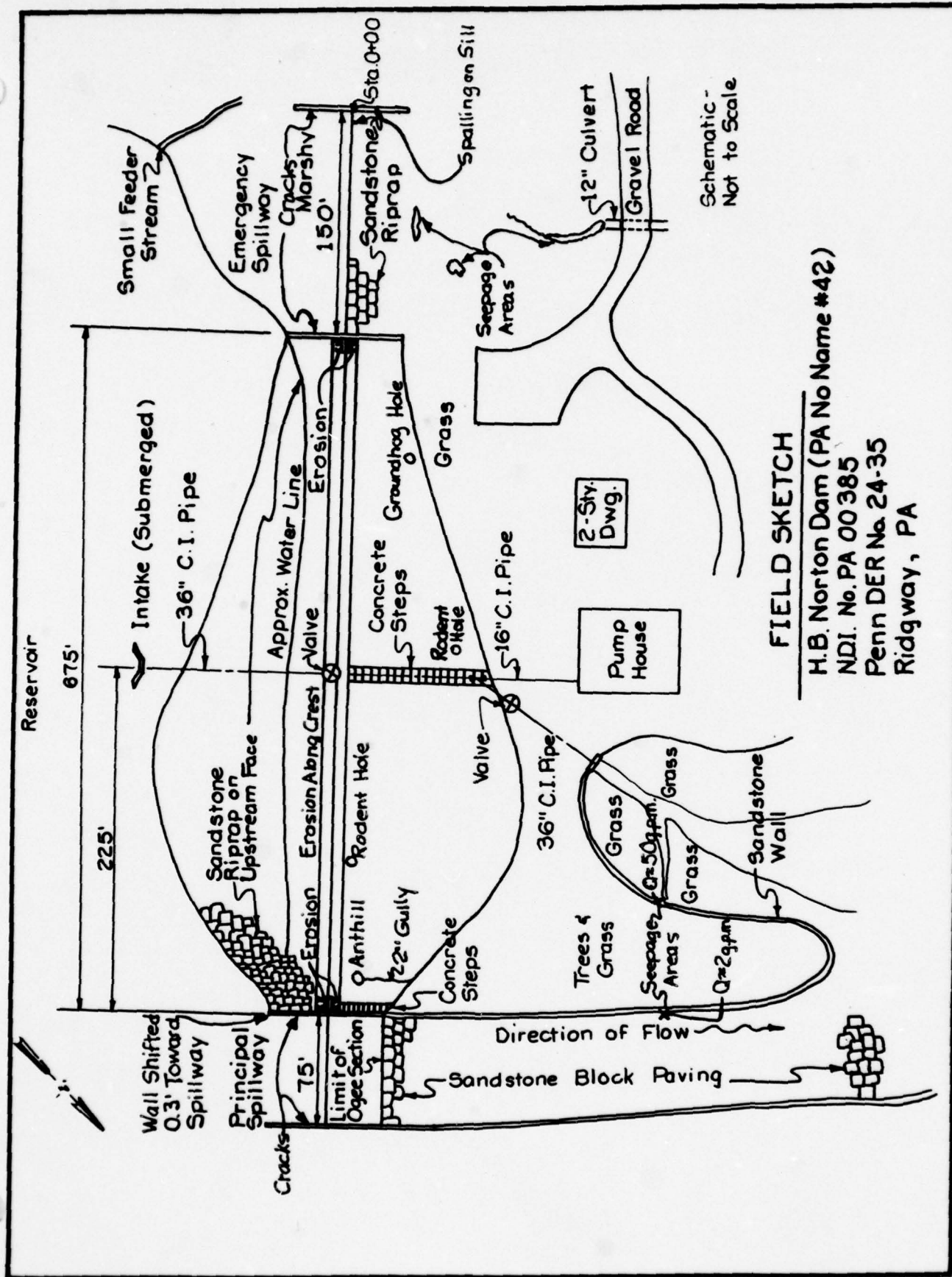
The downstream channel is relatively free of debris, vegetation or other obstructions.

SLOPES

The slope of the downstream channel is mild, averaging approximately 0.2% from the tail-water of the dam to the confluence with the Clarion River.

APPROXIMATE NO.  
OF HOMES AND  
POPULATION

One residence is located immediately below the dam. No other homes are located in the downstream floodplain.



# FIELD SKETCH

H.B. Norton Dam (PA No Name #42)  
 NDI. No. PA 00385  
 Penn DER No 24-35  
 Ridgway, PA

APPENDIX B

CHECK LIST - ENGINEERING DATA



CHECK LIST  
ENGINEERING DATA  
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
NDI # PA 00385

ITEM	REMARKS
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PLAN OF DAM See Plate 3 - Ridgway Borough Water Works: Dam Section and Plan.

REGIONAL VICINITY MAP See Plate 1, a U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map showing dam location with state location inset.

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

Designed by H.B. Norton of the Elk Tanning Company and N.W. Rood. Construction was started on 7 October 1931 by the Williamson Construction Company, 223 Monroeville Rd. Turtle Creek, Pa. The work continued until 8 December 1931 at which time work was stopped due to winter weather. Construction resumed on 16 May 1932 and continued until 10 June 1932. No reason for the stoppage appeared in any of the correspondence. The bonding company then engaged Donora Construction Company, Donora, Pa. to finish construction. Donora Construction Company commenced work on 9 August 1932 and worked until completion of the dam on 2 November 1932.

TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM See Plate 4 - Ridgway Borough Water Works: Spillway Details - Earthfill Sections.  
HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC DATA No information available.

OUTLETS - PLAN See Plate 5 - Ridgway Borough Water Works: Outlet Works.

- DETAILS See Plate 5 - Ridgway Borough Water Works: Outlet Works.

- CONSTRAINTS One 16-in. intake and one 36-in. intake to chamber at center of dam. From this point, only one 36-in. outlet pipe to downstream toe of the embankment. At the downstream toe a 16-in. water supply line runs from the outlet pipe to the water treatment plant, and the 36-in. outlet pipe has a control valve.

- DISCHARGE RATINGS None available

RAINFALL/RESERVOIR RECORDS None available

Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
NDI # PA 00385

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
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DESIGN REPORTS	None available
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GEOLOGY REPORTS	None available
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DESIGN COMPUTATIONS	
HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULICS	None available
DAM STABILITY	
SEEPAGE STUDIES	

MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS	None available
BORING RECORDS	
LABORATORY	
FIELD	

POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM	No information available.
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BORROW SOURCES	No information available.
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Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
 NDI # PA 00385

ITEM	REMARKS
MONITORING SYSTEMS	None
MODIFICATIONS	<p>The chemical feeder house located on the crest of the dam had been removed sometime prior to 1940. No information was available as to the exact date or reason for the removal. Steps were added along the downstream wing wall of the principal spillway. A sandstone wall was built from the right abutment of the downstream side of the principal spillway, down the channel and looped around, and connected to the head wall of the 36-in. blow-off pipe (see field sketch plan for location).</p>
HIGH POOL RECORDS	<p>From information contained in a letter from Albert C. Mathli of the Street and Water Commission of Ridgway, Pa. to Charles E. Ryder, Pa. Department of Forests and Waters on 17 March 1936, the maximum depth reached was 5' 4 1/2" of flow over the regular spillway and 28' 1/2" of flow over the emergency spillway. The 36-in. blow-off pipe was wide open and had approximately 30 ft. of head at that time.</p>
POST-CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS	<p>After construction of the dam, various inspections were performed by PennDER personnel, including the last one performed in 1965. Reports on these inspections are contained in the PennDER file for this dam.</p>
PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR FAILURE OF DAM DESCRIPTION REPORTS	None available
MAINTENANCE OPERATION RECORDS	None available



Name of Dam: H.B. NORTON  
 NDI # PA 00385

ITEM	REMARKS
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SPILLWAY PLAN	See Plate 4
SECTIONS	See Plate 4
DETAILS	See Plate 4

OPERATING EQUIPMENT  
 PLANS & DETAILS

See Plate 5

CHECK LIST  
HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC DATA  
ENGINEERING DATA

DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS: 30.1 sq.mi. (primarily forested)

ELEVATION TOP NORMAL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 1415 ft. (617 ac.-ft.)

ELEVATION TOP FLOOD CONTROL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 1421.9 ft. (1253 ac.-ft.)

ELEVATION MAXIMUM DESIGN POOL: Unknown

ELEVATION TOP DAM: 1421.9 ft. (minimum elevation), 1422.4 ft. (average elevation)

CREST: Principal Spillway

- a. Elevation 1415.0 ft.
- b. Type Concrete ogee spillway exiting into rectangular channel
- c. Width 75 ft.
- d. Length Approximately 265 ft.
- e. Location Spillover At right end of embankment
- f. Number and Type of Gates N/A

CREST: Emergency Spillway

- a. Elevation 1418 ft.
- b. Type Vegetated channel with concrete sill at control section
- c. Width 150 ft. at crest
- d. Length Approximately 600 ft.
- e. Location Spillover At left end of dam
- f. Number and Type of Gates N/A

OUTLET WORKS: 36-in. blow-off pipe, 16-in. water supply pipe

- a. Type 36-in. C.I.P. encased in concrete and 16-in. C.I.P.
- b. Location 300 ft. from right abutment
- c. Entrance inverts 1386.0 ft. (blow-off),  
1400.0 ft. (water supply)
- d. Exit inverts 1385.1 ft. (blow-off), water supply  
pipe unknown
- e. Emergency draindown facilities 36-in. sluice gated blow-off pipe  
hand-operated at crest of dam

HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES: N/A

- a. Type \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Location \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Records \_\_\_\_\_

MAXIMUM NON-DAMAGING DISCHARGE Unknown

APPENDIX C

PHOTOGRAPHS



## DETAILED PHOTOGRAPH DESCRIPTIONS

### Overall View of Dam -

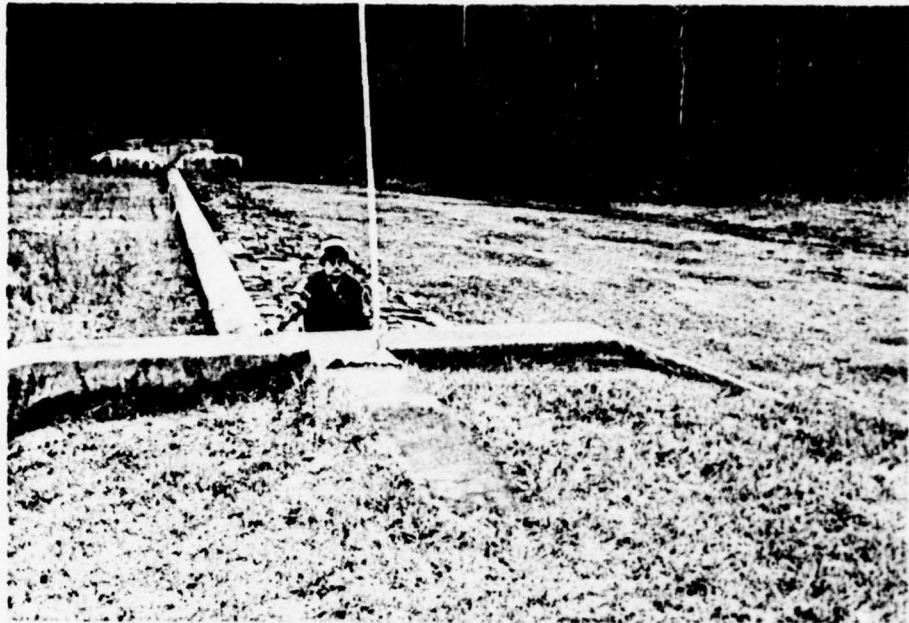
Top Photo - View from Right Abutment  
(Supervisor's house just below the dam;  
water pumping station is to the right  
of the house; blow-off pipe exits in tree-  
lined cut below embankment.)

Lower Photo - View from Left Abutment

- Photo 1 - View of Emergency Spillway Looking Left to Right  
from Crest of Dam  
(Note cracking of concrete and erosion of crest  
along wing wall.)
- Photo 2 - View of Emergency Spillway Outlet Channel
- Photo 3 - View of Principal Spillway Looking Upstream  
(Showing the 5-foot sandstone wall and the dense  
stand of trees growing on the right side channel  
wall.)
- Photo 4 - View Showing Ogee Weir Spillway  
(Note cracks along wing wall.)
- Photo 5 - View of Head Wall of 36-Inch Blow-Off Pipe  
(Note the bush-like vegetation on the downstream  
embankment. The valve used to regulate the flow  
of the 36-inch pipe is located at the base of the  
slope adjacent to the steps.)
- Photo 6 - View Looking Downstream Along Outlet Pipe Discharge  
Channel  
(Flow from the seepage area can be seen flowing right  
to left from wall into mainstream from blow-off pipe.)
- Photo 7 - View of Downstream Embankment Showing Vegetation
- Photo 8 - View Looking at Crest and Upstream Slope  
(Showing sandstone riprap and crest erosion just  
behind surveyor.)
- Photo 9 - View Looking Downstream at Seepage Area  
(Flow from seepage area can be seen flowing right  
to left into mainstream from blow-off pipe.)
- Photo 10 - View of Seepage Through Sandstone Wall on Left  
Side of Ogee Spillway Channel

Note: Photographs were taken on 14 November 1978.

## H. B. NORTON DAM



**PHOTO 1. View of Emergency Spillway Looking Left to Right  
from Crest of Dam**



**PHOTO 2. View of Emergency Spillway Outlet Channel**

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PHOTO 3. View of Principal Spillway Looking Upstream



PHOTO 4. View Showing Ogee Weir Spillway



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**PHOTO 5. View of Head Wall of 36-Inch Blow-Off Pipe**



**PHOTO 6. View Looking Downstream Along Outlet Pipe Discharge Channel**

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**PHOTO 7. View of Downstream Embankment Showing Vegetation**



**PHOTO 8. View Looking at Crest and Upstream Slope**

## H. B. NORTON DAM



**PHOTO 9. View Looking Downstream at Seepage Area**



**PHOTO 10. View of Seepage Through Sandstone Wall on Left Side of  
Ogee Spillway Channel**



APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

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Subject H.B. Norton Reservoir

S.O. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing No. \_\_\_\_\_

Computed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Ridgeway Reservoir

Principal Spillway Rating

Computed by BEH

S.O. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sheet No. 1 of 24

Drawing No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12-14-78

$H_o$  (design head)  $\approx$  2.0 feet

$L = 75.0$  Feet

$P = 3.0$  ft

$Q = CLH^{3/2}$

$P/H_o = 3.0/2.0 = 1.5$

$\frac{C_{incl.}}{C_{VERT.}} = 0.98$  (approx. value)

Elev (ft)	Head ( $H_o$ ) (ft)	$H_o/H_o$	$C/C_o$	$C_o$	$\frac{C_{incl.}}{C_{VERT.}}$	$C$	$Q$ (cfs)
1415.0	0.0						0
1415.5	0.5	0.25	0.866	3.92	0.98	3.33	88
1416.0	1.0	0.50	0.920			3.53	265
1416.5	1.5	0.75	0.965			3.71	511
1417.0	2.0	1.00	1.000			3.84	815
1417.5	2.5	1.25	1.032			3.96	1174
1418.0	3.0	1.50	1.060			4.07	1586
1418.5	3.5	1.75	1.08			4.14	2033
1419.0	4.0	2.00					2484
1419.5	4.5	2.25					2964
1420.0	5.0	2.50					3471
1420.5	5.5	2.75					4005
1421.0	6.0	3.00					4563
1421.5	6.5	3.25					5146
1422.0	7.0	3.50					5751
1422.5	7.5	3.75					6378
1423.0	8.0	4.00					7026
1424.0	9.0	4.50					8384
1425.0	10.0	5.00					9819



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Subject DA Dam Inspections S.O. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ridgway Reservoir Sheet No. 2 of 2A  
Principal Spillway Rating Drawing No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Computed by REH Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ Date 12-14-78

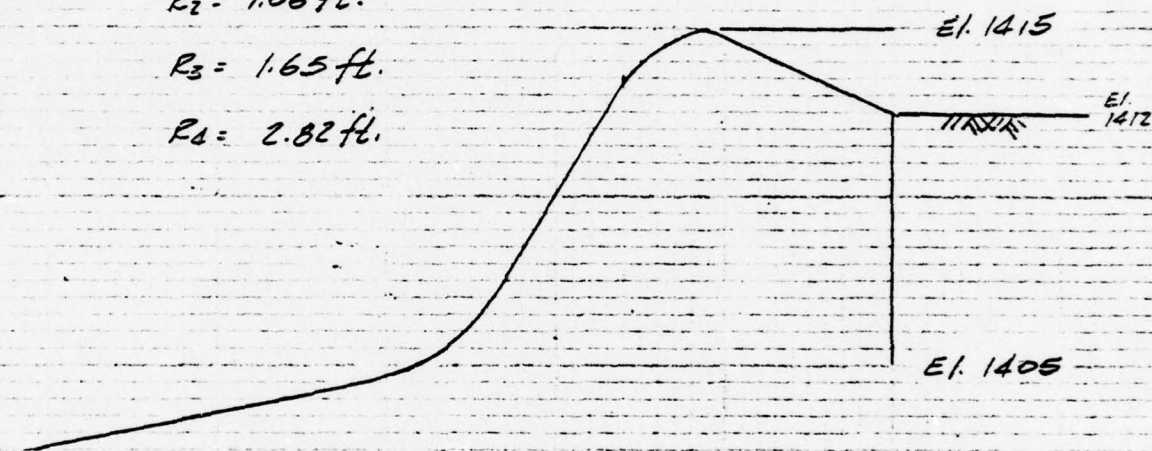
Design head = 2.0' (By D.S.D. - pg 377)

$R_1 = 0.47 \text{ ft}$

$R_2 = 1.06 \text{ ft}$

$R_3 = 1.65 \text{ ft}$

$R_4 = 2.82 \text{ ft}$



Cross-section of Principal spillway

THIS RUN EXECUTED 01/04/79 10.36

\*\*\*\*\*  
 HEC2 RELEASE DATED NOV 76 UPDATED AUG1977  
 FROM CORR - 01.02  
 MODIFICATION - 50.51.52.53. MBJ UPDATE MADE 16 JAN 5 PM  
 \*\*\*\*\*

T1 RIDGWAY RESERVOIR  
 T2 PENNSYLVANIA  
 T3 SPILLWAY RATING - EMERGENCY SPILLWAY

J1	ICHECK	INQ	NINV	IDIR	STOT	METRIC	IVINS	Q	MSEL	FQ
0.	2.	0.	0.	-1.000000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.	1419.000	0.0

J2	NPROF	IPLOT	PPEVS	YSECV	YSECH	FM	ALLDC	IRM	CHNIM	ITRACE
1.000	0.0	-1.000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

J3 VARIABLE COEFS FOR SUMMARY PRINTOUT

38.000	42.000	1.000	8.000	39.000	62.000	21.000	21.000	22.000
28.000	54.000	4.000	0.0	38.000	39.000	33.000	40.000	41.000
1.000	50.000	21.000	52.000	3.000	61.000	0.0	0.0	0.0

NC	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.100	0.300	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
QT	9.000	500.000	1000.000	2000.000	3000.000	4000.000	5000.000	6000.000	8000.000

Y1	4.000	4.000	0.0	150.000	9.000	9.000	9.000	0.0	0.0
GR	1428.000	0.0	1418.000	0.0	1418.000	150.000	1428.000	150.000	0.0

Y1	5.000	4.000	0.0	150.000	11.000	11.000	11.000	0.0	0.0
GR	1430.000	0.0	1417.200	0.0	1416.200	150.000	1430.000	150.000	0.0

Y1	6.000	5.000	-150.000	172.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	0.0	0.0
GR	1430.000	-150.000	1422.000	-150.000	1414.900	0.0	1414.900	150.000	172.000

Y1	7.000	5.000	-300.000	168.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	0.0	0.0
GR	1430.000	-300.000	1422.000	-300.000	1412.900	0.0	1412.900	150.000	168.000
EJ	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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THIS RUN EXECUTED 01/04/79 10.3A

\*\*\*\*\*  
 HEC2 RELEASE DATED NOV 76 UPDATED AUG1977  
 ERROR CORR - 01.02  
 MODIFICATION - 50.51.52.53. MBJ UPDATE MADE 16 JAN 5 PM  
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NOTE- ASTERISK (\*) AT LEFT OF CROSS-SECTION NUMBER INDICATES MESSAGE IN SUMMARY OF ERRORS LIST

SPILLWAY RATING

SUMMARY PRINTOUT

SECNO	Q	CMSL	DEPTH	XLCH	CUM DLS	SSTA	STENCL	SICHL	SICHR	STENCR	ENDST	TOPMID
*	4.000	500.00	1418.70	9.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
*	4.000	1000.00	1419.11	9.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
*	4.000	2000.00	1419.76	9.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
*	4.000	3000.00	1420.31	9.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
*	4.000	4000.00	1420.80	9.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
*	4.000	5000.00	1421.25	9.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
*	4.000	6000.00	1421.66	9.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
*	4.000	7000.00	1422.07	9.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
*	4.000	8000.00	1422.44	9.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
5.000	500.00	1419.07	2.87	11.00	11.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	120.00	0.0	120.00	150.00
5.000	1000.00	1419.67	3.47	11.00	11.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
5.000	2000.00	1420.58	4.38	11.00	11.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
5.000	3000.00	1421.32	5.12	11.00	11.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
5.000	4000.00	1421.96	5.76	11.00	11.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
5.000	5000.00	1422.55	6.35	11.00	11.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
5.000	6000.00	1423.09	6.89	11.00	11.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
5.000	7000.00	1423.59	7.39	11.00	11.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
5.000	8000.00	1424.07	7.87	11.00	11.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.00	0.0	150.00	150.00
6.000	500.00	1419.11	4.21	100.00	111.00	-88.70	0.0	-150.00	172.00	0.0	156.13	245.03
6.000	1000.00	1419.76	4.86	100.00	111.00	-102.71	0.0	-150.00	172.00	0.0	157.08	259.79
6.000	2000.00	1420.79	5.89	100.00	111.00	-124.38	0.0	-150.00	172.00	0.0	158.58	282.95
6.000	3000.00	1421.64	6.74	100.00	111.00	-142.36	0.0	-150.00	172.00	0.0	159.82	302.17
6.000	4000.00	1422.39	7.49	100.00	111.00	-150.00	0.0	-150.00	172.00	0.0	160.91	310.91
6.000	5000.00	1423.08	8.18	100.00	111.00	-150.00	0.0	-150.00	172.00	0.0	161.91	310.91
6.000	6000.00	1423.72	8.82	100.00	111.00	-150.00	0.0	-150.00	172.00	0.0	162.84	312.84
6.000	7000.00	1424.32	9.42	100.00	111.00	-150.00	0.0	-150.00	172.00	0.0	163.72	313.72
6.000	8000.00	1424.89	9.90	100.00	111.00	-150.00	0.0	-150.00	172.00	0.0	164.56	314.56
7.000	500.00	1419.11	6.22	100.00	211.00	-204.89	0.0	-300.00	168.00	0.0	159.25	364.14
7.000	1000.00	1419.78	6.88	100.00	211.00	-226.79	0.0	-300.00	168.00	0.0	160.23	387.03
7.000	2000.00	1420.83	7.93	100.00	211.00	-261.33	0.0	-300.00	168.00	0.0	161.79	423.12
7.000	3000.00	1421.70	8.80	100.00	211.00	-289.99	0.0	-300.00	168.00	0.0	163.09	453.07
7.000	4000.00	1422.57	9.57	100.00	211.00	-300.00	0.0	-300.00	168.00	0.0	164.23	464.23
7.000	5000.00	1423.17	10.27	100.00	211.00	-300.00	0.0	-300.00	168.00	0.0	165.27	465.27
7.000	6000.00	1423.82	10.92	100.00	211.00	-300.00	0.0	-300.00	168.00	0.0	166.25	466.25
7.000	7000.00	1424.44	11.54	100.00	211.00	-300.00	0.0	-300.00	168.00	0.0	167.16	467.16
7.000	8000.00	1425.02	12.12	100.00	211.00	-300.00	0.0	-300.00	168.00	0.0	168.00	468.00

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# SPILLWAY RATING

## SUMMARY PRINTOUT

SECNO	VLCH	ELMIN	K4CHSL	FLTRD	ELLCC	CMSEL	DIFWSP	DIFWSY	DIFKMS	EG	DIFGC	INPUT ET
4.000	9.00	1418.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	1418.70	0.0	0.0	-0.30	1419.05	0.0	0.0
4.000	9.00	1418.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	1419.11	0.41	0.0	0.11	1419.67	0.62	0.0
4.000	9.00	1418.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	1419.76	0.63	0.0	-0.24	1420.63	1.60	0.0
4.000	9.00	1418.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	1420.31	0.55	0.0	0.31	1421.47	2.42	0.0
4.000	9.00	1418.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	1420.80	0.48	0.0	-0.20	1422.21	3.16	0.0
4.000	9.00	1418.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	1421.25	0.45	0.0	0.25	1422.98	3.83	0.0
4.000	9.00	1418.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	1421.66	0.42	0.0	-0.34	1423.51	4.46	0.0
4.000	9.00	1418.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	1422.07	0.41	0.0	0.07	1424.11	5.06	0.0
4.000	9.00	1418.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	1422.55	0.37	0.0	0.44	1424.88	5.63	0.0
5.000	11.00	1416.20	-163.66	0.0	0.0	1419.07	0.0	0.37	0.0	1419.10	0.0	0.0
5.000	11.00	1416.20	-163.66	0.0	0.0	1419.57	0.60	0.34	0.0	1419.75	0.65	0.0
5.000	11.00	1416.20	-163.66	0.0	0.0	1420.58	0.91	0.82	0.0	1420.76	1.66	0.0
5.000	11.00	1416.20	-163.66	0.0	0.0	1421.32	0.74	1.00	0.0	1421.61	2.51	0.0
5.000	11.00	1416.20	-163.66	0.0	0.0	1421.96	0.65	1.17	0.0	1422.36	3.26	0.0
5.000	11.00	1416.20	-163.66	0.0	0.0	1422.55	0.58	1.30	0.0	1423.05	3.95	0.0
5.000	11.00	1416.20	-163.66	0.0	0.0	1423.09	0.54	1.43	0.0	1423.70	4.60	0.0
5.000	11.00	1416.20	-163.66	0.0	0.0	1423.59	0.50	1.52	0.0	1424.31	5.21	0.0
5.000	11.00	1416.20	-163.66	0.0	0.0	1424.07	0.48	1.63	0.0	1424.89	5.79	0.0
6.000	100.00	1414.90	-13.00	0.0	0.0	1419.11	0.0	0.04	0.0	1419.11	0.0	0.0
6.000	100.00	1414.90	-13.00	0.0	0.0	1419.76	0.65	0.09	0.0	1419.78	0.66	0.0
6.000	100.00	1414.90	-13.00	0.0	0.0	1420.79	1.03	0.21	0.0	1420.83	1.71	0.0
6.000	100.00	1414.90	-13.00	0.0	0.0	1421.64	0.85	0.32	0.0	1421.70	2.58	0.0
6.000	100.00	1414.90	-13.00	0.0	0.0	1422.39	0.75	0.43	0.0	1422.67	3.36	0.0
6.000	100.00	1414.90	-13.00	0.0	0.0	1423.08	0.69	0.53	0.0	1423.18	4.06	0.0
6.000	100.00	1414.90	-13.00	0.0	0.0	1423.72	0.64	0.63	0.0	1423.83	4.72	0.0
6.000	100.00	1414.90	-13.00	0.0	0.0	1424.32	0.60	0.73	0.0	1424.65	5.34	0.0
6.000	100.00	1414.90	-13.00	0.0	0.0	1424.89	0.57	0.82	0.0	1425.05	5.93	0.0
7.000	100.00	1412.90	-20.00	0.0	0.0	1419.11	0.0	0.01	0.0	1419.12	0.0	0.0
7.000	100.00	1412.90	-20.00	0.0	0.0	1419.78	0.66	0.02	0.0	1419.78	0.67	0.0
7.000	100.00	1412.90	-20.00	0.0	0.0	1420.83	1.05	0.04	0.0	1420.84	1.72	0.0
7.000	100.00	1412.90	-20.00	0.0	0.0	1421.70	0.87	0.06	0.0	1421.72	2.60	0.0
7.000	100.00	1412.90	-20.00	0.0	0.0	1422.47	0.77	0.08	0.0	1422.69	3.38	0.0
7.000	100.00	1412.90	-20.00	0.0	0.0	1423.17	0.70	0.09	0.0	1423.20	4.09	0.0
7.000	100.00	1412.90	-20.00	0.0	0.0	1423.82	0.65	0.11	0.0	1423.86	4.75	0.0
7.000	100.00	1412.90	-20.00	0.0	0.0	1424.44	0.61	0.12	0.0	1424.49	5.37	0.0
7.000	100.00	1412.90	-20.00	0.0	0.0	1425.02	0.59	0.13	0.0	1425.08	5.96	0.0

## SUMMARY OF ERRORS

CAUTION SECNO=	4.000	PROFILE=	1	CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMED
CAUTION SECNO=	4.000	PROFILE=	2	CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMED
CAUTION SECNO=	4.000	PROFILE=	3	CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMED
CAUTION SECNO=	4.000	PROFILE=	4	CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMED
CAUTION SECNO=	4.000	PROFILE=	5	CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMED
CAUTION SECNO=	4.000	PROFILE=	6	CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMED
CAUTION SECNO=	4.000	PROFILE=	7	CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMED
CAUTION SECNO=	4.000	PROFILE=	8	CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMED
CAUTION SECNO=	4.000	PROFILE=	9	CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMED

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Subject Pa no name 42  
stage vs. Discharge

Computed by REH & SCB Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

S.O. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheet No. 6 of 24  
Drawing No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 1/5/79

Elev. (feet)	Principal Spillway	EMS	TOTAL FLOW (cfs.)
	Flow (cfs.)	Flow (cfs.)	
1415.0	0		0
1415.5	88		88
1416.0	265		265
1416.5	511		511
1417.0	815		815
1417.5	1174		1174
1418.0	1586	0	1586
1418.5	2033	110	2203
1419.0	2484	430	2914
1419.5	2964	710	3734
1420.0	3471	1200	4671
1420.5	4003	1660	5663
1421.0	4563	2110	6733
1421.5	5146	2140	7886
1422.0	5751	3360	9111
1422.5	6378	4000	10378
1423.0	7026	4700	11726
1423.5		5450	
1424.0	8384	6230	14614
1424.5		7000	
1425.0	9819	7880	17699



PA. No Name No. 42  
Top of Dam Profile  
(looking downstream)

REN 11-27-78

Average TOD Elev. = 1422.4  
Minimum TOD Elev. = 1421.9

Principal  
Spillway

Emergency Spillway

9+00

8+00

7+00

6+00

5+00

4+00

3+00

2+00

1+00

0+00

Horiz. dist. (ft.)

1425

1420

1415

1410

ELEV. (FT.)



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Subject PA Non-Federal Dam Insp. S.O. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
PA-Name 42 Sheet No. 8 of 24  
RIDGEWAY RESERVOIR - T<sub>c</sub> Drawing No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Computed by DJG Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/6/79

MAX. ELEV. WATERSHED 2100 ft  
RES. ELEV. 1434 ft

$$\text{Avg. Slope} = \frac{2100 - 1434}{78,200} = 0.0085 \text{ ft/ft}$$

$$\text{Velocity} = 2.0 \text{ ft/sec}$$

$$T_c = \frac{78,200}{2.0} \times \frac{1}{60} = 651.7 \text{ MIN} = 10 \text{ HRS } 52 \text{ min}$$

DATA FROM CORPS OF ENGINEERS

ZONE 24  $\Rightarrow$   $C_p = 0.45$  & PLATE M

$$(L_{LCA}) = \frac{78,200}{5280} \times \frac{41,000}{5280} = 115.00$$

$$t_p = 1.6 (115.0)^{0.3} = 6.64 \text{ hours}$$

DURATION  $\approx$  Use 0.25 hour

$$t_{pr} = 6.64 + 0.25 \left( 0.25 = \frac{6.64}{5.5} \right) = 6.40 \text{ hours}$$

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Subject PA Non FEDERAL DAM INSPECTION S.O. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
PA - No Name 42: RIDGEWAY RES. Sheet No. 9 of 24  
STORAGE COMPUTATIONS Drawing No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Computed by DJG Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/6/79

ELEV.	AREA IN <sup>2</sup>	AREA ACRES	VOLUME AC-FT
1475.0	30.91	16.03	617
1420.0	39.62	99.05	

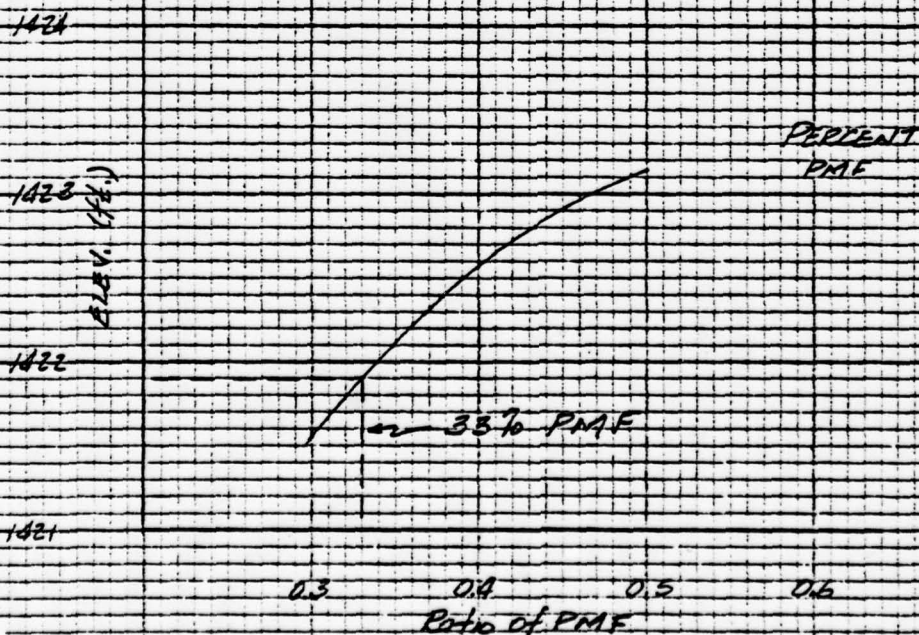
$$AE = \frac{3(617)}{76} = 24.36$$

$$Elev = 1475.0 - 24.36 = 1390.64$$

### OVERTOPPING ANALYSIS

Wear Coeff for sloping face Broad crest  $\phi = 3.08$

REF: KING BEATER (HANDBOOK OF HYDRAULICS) (LATTER 2nd Ed)





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DAM BREAK DATA No Name #12

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Drawing No. \_\_\_\_\_

Computed by D.T.G.

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

Date 1/8/79

### BREACH PARAMETERS

EARTH DAM  $\frac{HD}{2}$  BRWD  $\leq 3 \frac{HD}{2}$

TRAPEZOIDAL FAILURE ASSUMED

$TOD - TOE = 1422.4 - 1396.8 = 25.6 \text{ ft} = HD$

$15' \leq BRWD \leq 75'$

Assume  $75'$  WIDTH  $\phi \leq 0.5$

Assume Failure TIME  $\approx 1$  HOUR HIGHLY ERODIBLE MATH.

Assume Failure occurs at  $10\%$  above dam Elev.  $1422.9 \text{ seg.}$

Assume Failure stops at elev.  $1397$

NOTE: HEC-1 Time Intervals = 1 hour which is too long  
for this dam break (use HEC-1 Dam Break User Manual pg 12, 3/78)

Use Time Interval =  $0.25 HD = 15 \text{ min}$

This changes  $T_p = 6.64 + \left( 0.25 - \frac{6.64}{5.5} \right) = 6.40 \text{ hrs}$

No downstream routing is required since the damage  
area is at the base of the dam only



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 FLOOD HYDROGRAPH PACKAGE (HEC-1)  
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 2 A2 HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS OF PA NO NAME 42 MRJ 25  
 3 A3 PROBABLE MAXIMUM FLOOD PNE/UNIT GRAPH BY SNYDERS METHOD

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K1 THIS IS THE INFLOW HYDROGRAPH FOR THE RIDGEWAY RESERVOIR

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P 23.0 103 113 126 136 1.0 0.05

T 6.40 0.45 2.0

V -1.5 -0.05

K1 THIS IS THE ROUTING AT THE RIDGEWAY RESERVOIR - PLAN DATUM USED

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V4 1420 1420.5 1421 1421.5 1422 1422.5 1423 1423.5 1424 1424.5

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RUN DATE 02/08/79  
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JOB SPECIFICATION

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JOPER NWT LROPT TRACE  
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MULTI-PLAN ANALYSES TO BE PERFORMED

NPLAN= 1 NRTIO= 4 LRTIO= 1

PTINS= 1.00 0.50 0.40 0.30

SUB-AREA RUNOFF COMPUTATION

THIS IS THE INFLOW HYDROGRAPH FOR THE RIDGEWAY RESERVOIR

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 RES 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0

HYDROGRAPH DATA

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PRECIP DATA

SPFE PMS R6 R12 R24 K48 P72 R96  
 0.0 23.00 103.00 113.00 126.00 136.00 0.0 0.0

TRSPC COMPUTED BY THE PROGRAM IS 0.835

LOSS DATA

LROPT STPKR DLTKR PTIOL ERAIN STRKS RTIOK STRTL CNSTL ALSHY PTIMP  
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UNIT HYDROGRAPH DATA  
 TP= 6.40 CP=0.45 NTA= 0

RECESSION DATA

STRTO= -1.50 QRCSEN= -0.05 RTIOR= 2.00

UNIT HYDROGRAPH 100 END-OF-PERIOD COORDINATES, LAG= 6.41 HOURS, CP= 0.45 VOL= 0.88  
 10. 38. 79. 129. 185. 248. 315. 387. 462. 541.  
 623. 707. 794. 880. 964. 1039. 1109. 1172. 1229. 1279.  
 1321. 1357. 1384. 1402. 1411. 1408. 1382. 1349. 1316. 1285.  
 1254. 1223. 1194. 1157. 1137. 1109. 1082. 1056. 1031. 1006.  
 981. 958. 935. 912. 890. 868. 847. 827. 807. 787.

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WARNING \*\*\* TOP OF DAM, BOTTOM OF BEACH, OR LOW-LEVEL OUTLET IS NOT WITHIN RANGE OF GIVEN ELEVATIONS IN STORAGE-ELEVATION DATA



BOTTOM OF RESERVOIR ASSUMED TO BE AT 1390.60  
STORAGE-ELEVATION DATA WILL BE EXTRAPOLATED ABOVE ELEVATION 1420.00

PEAK OUTFLOW IS 10744. AT TIME 46.25 HOURS

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PEAK FLOW AND STORAGE (END OF PERIOD) SUMMARY FOR MULTIPLE PLAN-RATIO ECONOMIC COMPUTATIONS  
 FLOWS IN CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CUBIC METERS PER SECOND)  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES (SQUARE KILOMETERS)

RATIOS APPLIED TO FLOWS

OPERATION	STATION	AREA	PLAN	RATIO 1	RATIO 2	RATIO 3	RATIO 4
				1.00	0.50	0.40	0.30
HYDROGRAPH AT	RES	30.10	1	27024.	13512.	10810.	8107.
		( 77.96)		( 765.25)	( 382.62)	( 306.10)	( 229.57)
ROUTED TO	DAM	30.10	1	26986.	13480.	10744.	8020.
		( 77.96)		( 764.16)	( 381.70)	( 304.23)	( 227.10)

PLAN 1 .....		ELEVATION	INITIAL VALUE	SPILLWAY CREST	AVERAGE	MINIMUM
		STORAGE	1415.00	1415.00	TOP OF DAM	TOP OF DAM
		OUTFLOW	617.	617.	1422.40	1421.90
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RUN DATE 02/07/79  
 TIME 18.05

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 HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS OF PA NO NAME 42 MBJ 25  
 .5 PROBABLE MAXIMUM FLOOD PMF/UNIT GRAPH BY SNYDERS METHOD

JOB SPECIFICATION  
 NQ NHR MNIN IDAY IFR IMIN METRC IPLT IPRT NSTAN  
 250 0 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 JUPER N=1 LROPT TRACE 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

MULTI-PLAN ANALYSES TO BE PERFORMED  
 NPLAN= 2 NRTIO= 1 CRTIO= 1

RTIOS= 0.50

SUB-AREA RUNOFF COMPUTATION

THIS IS THE INFLOW HYDROGRAPH FOR THE RIDGEWAY RESERVOIR

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 RES 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

HYDROGRAPH DATA

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PRECIP DATA

SPFE PMS R6 R12 R24 R48 R12 R96  
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TRSPC COMPUTED BY THE PROGRAM IS 0.835

LOSS DATA

LROPT STRKR DLTR RTIOL FRIN STKRS RTIOK STRTL CNSTL ALSMX RTIMP  
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UNIT HYDROGRAPH DATA

TP= 6.40 CP=0.45 NTA= 0

RECESSION DATA

STRTO= -1.50 WPCSN= -0.05 RTIOR= 2.00

UNIT HYDROGRAPH END=CF-PERIOD ORDINATES, LAG= 6.41 HOURS, CP= 0.45 VOL= 0.88  
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THE DAM BREACH HYDROGRAPH WAS DEVELOPED USING A TIME INTERVAL OF 0.015 HOURS DURING BREACH FORMATION.  
 DOWNSREAM CALCULATIONS WILL USE A TIME INTERVAL OF 0.250 HOURS.  
 THIS TABLE COMPARES THE HYDROGRAPH FOR DOWNSREAM CALCULATIONS WITH THE COMPUTED BREACH HYDROGRAPH.  
 INTERMEDIATE FLOWS ARE INTERPOLATED FROM END-OF-PERIOD VALUES.

TIME (HOURS)	TIME FROM BEGINNING OF BREACH (HOURS)	INTERPOLATED BREACH HYDROGRAPH (CFS)	COMPUTED BREACH HYDROGRAPH (CFS)	ERROR (CFS)	ACCUMULATED ERROR (CFS)	ACCUMULATED ERROR (AC-FT)
44.500	0.0	12330.	12330.	0.	0.	0.
44.519	0.019	12648.	12685.	-17.	-17.	-0.
44.538	0.038	12966.	12920.	46.	46.	0.
44.558	0.058	13284.	13202.	83.	111.	0.
44.577	0.077	13602.	13502.	100.	212.	0.
44.596	0.096	13920.	13815.	106.	317.	1.
44.615	0.115	14239.	14136.	102.	420.	1.
44.635	0.135	14557.	14464.	93.	513.	1.
44.654	0.154	14875.	14795.	80.	593.	1.
44.673	0.173	15193.	15121.	66.	659.	1.
44.692	0.192	15511.	15461.	50.	708.	1.
44.712	0.212	15829.	15796.	33.	741.	1.
44.731	0.231	16147.	16130.	17.	759.	1.
44.750	0.250	16465.	16465.	0.	759.	1.
44.769	0.269	16837.	16802.	34.	793.	1.
44.788	0.288	17208.	17162.	65.	859.	1.
44.808	0.308	17579.	17490.	89.	948.	2.
44.827	0.327	17950.	17861.	90.	1037.	2.
44.846	0.346	18321.	18266.	55.	1093.	2.
44.865	0.365	18692.	18673.	19.	1112.	2.
44.885	0.385	19064.	19073.	-9.	1103.	2.
44.904	0.404	19435.	19463.	-28.	1075.	2.
44.923	0.423	19806.	19863.	-57.	1037.	2.
44.942	0.442	20177.	20221.	-43.	994.	2.
44.962	0.462	20548.	20589.	-40.	954.	2.
44.981	0.481	20920.	20965.	-26.	928.	1.
45.000	0.500	21291.	21291.	0.	928.	1.
45.019	0.519	21590.	21630.	-41.	887.	1.
45.038	0.538	21889.	21970.	-81.	806.	1.
45.058	0.558	22188.	22296.	-108.	699.	1.
45.077	0.577	22488.	22609.	-122.	577.	1.
45.096	0.596	22787.	22926.	-138.	430.	1.
45.115	0.615	23086.	23235.	-149.	291.	0.
45.135	0.635	23385.	23531.	-146.	144.	0.
45.154	0.654	23684.	23823.	-138.	6.	0.
45.173	0.673	23984.	24115.	-132.	-126.	-0.
45.192	0.692	24283.	24393.	-110.	-235.	-0.
45.212	0.712	24582.	24663.	-81.	-316.	-1.
45.231	0.731	24881.	24929.	-48.	-364.	-1.
45.250	0.750	25180.	25180.	0.	-364.	-1.
45.269	0.769	25482.	25550.	-68.	-432.	-1.
45.288	0.788	25744.	25712.	32.	-400.	-1.
45.308	0.808	26025.	25971.	54.	-346.	-0.
45.327	0.827	26307.	26243.	64.	-282.	-0.
45.346	0.846	26588.	26497.	91.	-191.	-0.
45.365	0.865	26870.	26773.	97.	-94.	-0.
45.385	0.885	27152.	27029.	123.	110.	0.
45.404	0.904	27433.	27351.	82.	192.	0.
45.423	0.923	27715.	27662.	53.	246.	0.
45.442	0.942	27997.	27973.	23.	269.	0.
45.462	0.962	28278.	28265.	13.	282.	0.
45.481	0.981	28560.	28561.	-1.	281.	0.

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TIME		STATION DAM										(*) POINTS AT NORMAL TIME INTERVAL									
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6	44.60	6.																			
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DAM BREACH DATA			
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WARNING *** TOP OF DAM, BOTTOM OF BREACH, OR LOW-LEVEL OUTLET IS NOT WITHIN RANGE OF GIVEN ELEVATIONS IN STORAGE-ELEVATION DATA			
BOTTOM OF RESERVOIR ASSUMED TO BE AT 1390.60			
STORAGE-ELEVATION DATA WILL BE EXTRAPOLATED ABOVE ELEVATION 1420.00			
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 FLOWS IN CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CUBIC METERS PER SECOND)  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES (SQUARE KILOMETERS)

RATIOS APPLIED TO FLOWS

OPERATION STATION AREA PLAN RATIO 1  
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HYDROGRAPH AT RES 30.10 1 13512.  
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ROUTED TO DAM 30.10 1 28841.  
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APPENDIX E

REGIONAL GEOLOGY



H. B. NORTON DAM  
NDI No. PA 00385, PennDER No. 24-35

REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The H. B. Norton Dam is located in the northern unglaciated section of the Appalachian Plateaus physiographic province.

In the lower portion of the Big Mill Creek valley where the dam is located, bedrock units are members of the Pocono group, Mississippi system. Typically these units are gray, hard, and massive conglomerates and sandstones with some shale. Bedrock exposed in a pit during construction was described as "laminated sandstone."

Structurally, the bedrock dips gently to the northwest toward the axis of the Johnson Run Syncline, generally in the upstream direction. No reference is made in geologic literature of any major faulting in the dam area.

The "dense blue clay" and "hardpan," described in the foundation area by engineers during construction of the dam, are probably alluvial stream deposits and highly weathered bedrock, respectively. They were reportedly about 10 feet thick. According to reference materials, the sides of the valley are mantled with a relatively thin blanket of Allegheny-Dekalb residual soils.



# LEGEND

## PERMIAN



### Greene Formation

*Cyclic sequences of sandstone, shale, red beds, limestone and coal; base at the top of the Upper Washington Limestone.*

## PERMIAN AND PENNSYLVANIAN



### Washington Formation

*Cyclic sequences of sandstone, shale, limestone and coal; some red shale, some mineable coal; base at the top of the Waynesburg Coal.*

## PENNSYLVANIAN

### APPALACHIAN PLATEAU



### Monongahela Formation

*Cyclic sequences of sandstone, shale, limestone and coal; limestone prominent in northern outcrop areas; shale and sandstone increase southward; commercial coals present; base at the bottom of the Pittsburgh Coal.*



### Conemaugh Formation

*Cyclic sequences of red and gray shales and siltstones with thin limestones and coals; massive Mahoning Sandstone commonly present at base; Ames Limestone present in middle of sections; Brush Creek Limestone in lower part of section.*



### Allegheny Group

*Cyclic sequences of sandstone, shale, limestone and coal; numerous commercial coals; limestones thicken westward; Vanport Limestone in lower part of section; includes Freeport, Acme, and Clarion Formations.*



### Pottsville Group

*Predominantly sandstones and conglomerates with thin shales and coals; some coals mineable locally.*

### ANTHRACITE REGION



### Post-Pottsville Formations

*Brown or gray sandstones and shales with some conglomerate and numerous mineable coals.*



### Pottsville Group

*Light gray to white, coarse grained sandstones and conglomerates with some mineable coal; includes Sharp Mountain, Schuylkill, and Tumbling Run Formations.*

## MISSISSIPPIAN



### Mauch Chunk Formation

*Red shales with brown to greenish gray flaggy sandstones; includes Greenbrier Limestone in Fayette, Westmoreland, and Somerset counties; Loyalhanna Limestone at the base in southwestern Pennsylvania.*



### Pocono Group

*Predominantly gray, hard, massive, cross-bedded conglomerate and sandstone with some shale; includes in the Appalachian Plateau Burgoon, Shenango, Cuyahoga, Cussewago, Corry, and Knapp Formations; includes part of "Oswayo" of M. L. Fuller in Potter and Tioga counties.*

## DEVONIAN UPPER

### WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA



### Oswayo Formation

*Greenish gray to gray shales, siltstones and sandstones becoming increasingly shaly westward; considered equivalent to type Oswayo, Riceville Formation Dr in Erie and Crawford Counties; probably not distinguishable north of Corry.*



### Cattaraugus Formation

*Red, gray and brown shale and sandstone with the proportion of red decreasing westward; includes Venango sands of drillers and Salamanca sandstone and conglomerate; some limestone in Crawford and Erie counties.*



### Conneaut Group

*Alternating gray, brown, greenish and purplish shales and siltstones; includes "pink rock" of drillers and "Chemung" and "Girard" Formations of northwestern Pennsylvania.*



### Canadaway Formation

*Alternating brown shales and sandstones; includes "Portage" Formation of northwestern Pennsylvania.*